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Foregone  
Conclusion.

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**Weather**  
Local—Increasing cloudiness and  
warmer followed at night by snow;  
moderate southwest winds; average  
temperature about 30; Wednesday  
fair and colder.  
Eastern New York and New Jer-  
sey — Increasing cloudiness and  
warmer followed by snow at night.

## 4 RALLIES PLEDGE CONTINUED FIGHT TO FREE BROWDER, HAIL C. P. LEADER

### H.R. 1776 Is 'Green Light For War'— LaFollette

Predicts Fascist Rule If  
Bill Is Passed; Raps  
FDR and Willkie

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Sen. Robert M. LaFollette, Prog., Wis., charged today that the "British aid" bill would give President Roosevelt "the green light for war" and permit him "to strip the military and naval defenses of the United States to support a quixotic adventure overseas."

LaFollette, whose famous father—Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Sr., who was one of six Senators to vote against the 1917 declaration of war—followed Senator D. Worth Clark, D. Idaho, in the seventh day of Senate debate. Clark also charged that the British aid bill means war.

"This bill means war," LaFollette told the Senate.

"Whatever fine trappings it is decked with—it hides the skull and bones of death on old world battlefields and death on the seven seas. Who will assume the limit where the graveyards of this war will be?"

"As for myself, I am opposed to our entering the war! I will not give my vote for any bill which is admittedly one step nearer another blood bath for our youth, one step nearer totalitarianism for the United States. I am not willing to add my vote to help, in any way, a course of action which I am convinced can only end in the same bitter disillusionment and futile disaster of the last war."

**A "JA" CONGRESS**  
"This bill gives the President power to create a state of war, leaving only to Congress the permission to say 'Ja' with a formal declaration of war recognizing the situation created by the executive."

Terming the bill's objective "a mad foreign adventure," he proposed this American alternative: "I urge that we make the 'four freedoms' prevail in America before we try to ram them down the throats of people everywhere in the world."

"I urge that we stop trying to solve other people's problems until we have lifted dispossessed and impoverished farmers in America out of the poverty which has been theirs for so long."

"I urge that we shorten our gaze at least until we have done something constructive and permanent"

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### Chileans Demonstrate For Popular Front Gov't

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)  
SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 24.—A huge demonstration today pledged full support to the candidates of the Popular Front in the elections to take place March 2.

With the Popular Front itself strengthened and the influence of traitorous Socialist leaders curtailed, the people are uniting in broad Popular Front committees in support of their candidates. Popular Front leaders are confident of victory.

Efforts to destroy the Popular Front have been defeated, and the anti-Communist bill has been vetoed by President Aguirre Cerda.

The Popular Front has been reconstituted and its program extended and strengthened.

### House Maps 'Relief' On War Profit Taxes

Consumers Get Official Warning to 'Sacrifice' As  
Administration and Republicans Act to  
Kick Back Cash to Big Industries

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—While consumers were being warned by officials here that they were expected to make sacrifices, the House Ways and Means Committee today introduced legislation designed to offer "relief" to large corporations from the provisions of the Excess Profits Tax Law.

Mrs. Roosevelt predicted a dismal future for consumers last week when she indicated that the government would soon be telling the people what they should eat and how it should be prepared.

And Department of Agriculture economists stated that the prices of pork chops, beefsteak and lamb were going to rise still higher in the coming months.

But the only relief which was planned on Capitol Hill today was for big business interests.

Rep. Robert Doughton, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, introduced a bill to make the already sweeping exemptions in the so-called excess profits tax law even more extensive.

**"ELIMINATE HARDSHIPS"**  
While the original excess profits tax bill passed last year took care of most big business corporations, some firms complained that they had been excluded from the benefits of the measure.

So Treasury tax experts and members of the Ways and Means Committee labored for the past few weeks to work out methods of taking care of these "hardship" cases corporations which might conceivably have been required to pay some excess profits taxes under the present law.

And Rep. Doughton has finally submitted the product of their labors to Congress in a bill which is expected to have the complete support of the Administration forces

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### British Take Two Towns in North Eritrea

Report Resistance of  
Italians Broken on  
Defense Line

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (UP).—Capture of the Italian Somaliland towns of Gelib and Margherita, breaking a strong fascist defense line, and the crushing of Italian resistance in northern Eritrea were announced today by the British Middle East Command.

Stepping up the tempo of their assaults in support of the British land drives in Eritrea, Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland, RAF bomber and fighter squadrons were said to be making "almost continuous" attacks on the Eritrean towns of Asmara, Keren and Gura.

Bombers of the RAF South African command, an official communiqué reported, have destroyed 10 Italian planes and damaged others in air battles and attacks on airfields in Ethiopia.

Today's Royal Air Force communiqué said that planes of the South African air force on Sunday destroyed eight Italian planes and badly damaged several others during a "low-flying machine gun attack on the landing ground at Makale."



— by GROPPER

### 8th Session of Supreme Soviet Opens Today

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)  
MOSCOW, Feb. 24.—The eighth session of the Supreme Soviet opens here tomorrow (Tuesday).

The Soviet of the Union will convene at 2 P.M. (Moscow time) and the Soviet of Nationalities two hours later. The meeting will be held in the Kremlin, seat of the Soviet Government.

### Ship Mission Renews Appeal to British Gov't

The American Rescue Ship Mission today appealed anew to the British government to issue a sailing warrant for the mercy ship Lovcen.

"This warrant would mean the rescue of 450 Spanish refugees on the initial voyage of the vessel from French Morocco to Vera Cruz, Mexico,"

Dr. Edward K. Barsky, chairman of the United Spanish American Aid Committee, parent body of the Ship Mission, declared at the committee's office, 425 Fourth Ave.

"The voyage, originally scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27, has been delayed because the British Ministry of Shipping has refused to issue

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### Browder Introduces Minor as Communist Acting-Secretary

Browder Speaks At All Four Meetings,  
Calls for Intensified Fight on War;  
Foster Brands Supreme Court As  
Instrument of FDR War Policies

Further details of all four mass meetings will be  
carried in tomorrow's Daily Worker.

Four overflow rallies here last night took up the slogan "Free Earl Browder" and pledged an unflagging fight until the Communist leader and peace champion is finally liberated.

More than 15,000 people packed the four rallies held at the Central Opera House, at Hotel Capitol, and in two auditoriums at Mecca Temple, to protest the Supreme Court decision to send him to jail for four years on the flimsy and technical charge of a passport irregularity.

Ten to 15-minute roaring ovations greeted the anti-war leader as he appeared to speak at each of the four rallies.

The first of the four rallies addressed by Browder was at Hotel Capitol, 8th Ave. at 51st St., sponsored by the Young Communist League, attended by more than 3,000.

Browder was cheered to the echo here when he declared:

"The doddering old gentlemen who represent a doddering old system may be able to start the war, but the masses—and above all the young people—will put an end to the war and with it the system that brought it about."

#### INTRODUCES MINOR

Less than an hour later when he arrived at the Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave.—again entering through crowded aisles to thundering applause—a tremendous ovation followed his introduction of Robert Minor as the "acting General Secretary of the Communist Party."

Browder was speaking when Minor entered the hall. An ovation began as soon as the Chairman of the Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights of Communists entered. At this point, Browder interjected:

"I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you the new acting General Secretary of the Communist Party."

"If you give Comrade Minor the same support you have given me, our Party will grow to be ten times as strong." The hall rang with cheers as the people stood and cheered Minor.

Minor, a member of the Political Committee of the Communist Party, spoke, following Browder. He pointed out that the war policy of the Roosevelt administration is "not only a foreign policy but also a domestic policy" linking it with immediate attack upon the civil rights of the people and their living standards.

He contrasted the war in Spain and the American Civil War, both of which were struggles to extend the democratic rights of the people, with the present imperialist war which seeks to destroy these rights.

#### FOSTER, FORD SPEAK

Meanwhile, at Mecca Temple, where 5,000 crowded all seating accommodations, William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party, aroused the audience to a fighting pitch. Foster, who today celebrates his 60th birthday, said:

"We are under no illusions about this decision of the Supreme Court. In making this decision the Supreme Court shows that it is the obedient servant of the war policies of the Roosevelt government."

"The only crime of which Earl Browder is guilty," Foster said, "is the crime of opposing war. If that is a crime, then we are all criminals—and glad of it."

Recalling Browder's imprisonment during the first World War for his opposition to that slaughter, Foster said that he "is again being sent to prison for opposing another war, which is again supposed to save the world for democracy. Like the last one, this is an imperialist war. The claim that this is a war for democracy is a lie."

At Mecca Temple James W. Ford, outstanding Communist leader and Browder's running mate in the last election, reviewed the history of the leadership of the American Communist Party in recent years and emphasized its part in forcing the progressive developments of the New Deal period.

"Their attack against Browder and the Communist Party today is class vengeance," he said.

Browder, hustling to make the schedule of four meet-

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## NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF COMMUNIST PARTY HAILS WILLIAM Z. FOSTER ON 60th BIRTHDAY

60 Years Old Today



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

Declaring that every phase of the "modern advancement in the organization and enlightenment of the American working class" has felt the influence of William Z. Foster, the National Committee of the Communist Party yesterday greeted the 60th birthday of the veteran leader of the Party. Foster's birthday is today.

The statement of the National Committee follows:

The sixtieth birthday of William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party of the United States, is an historical event for the whole working class of our country, as it is to the entire leadership and every member of the Communist Party.

The work and struggles of Comrade Foster on behalf of the labor movement have a significance beyond the borders of our country, because they have contributed greatly to the international cause of the working class and oppressed peoples in all countries.

Comrade Foster's birthday occurs, at a time when the ruling class has for the second time in our generation driven our land into

a war ruinous to the interests of America's laboring people, at a time of systematic attacks upon labor's rights and organizations, at a time of vindictive onslaught upon the workers' political vanguard, the Communist Party, climaxed by the imprisonment of its General Secretary, Earl Browder.

For forty years Foster has been a loyal member and an indefatigable builder of the great movement of the working class whose destiny it is to free the human race from poverty, unemployment, oppression and war. Not a single phase of modern advancement in the organization and enlightenment of the American working class and its trade unions and political party but have received from this honest and fearless leader a distinctive contribution. To William Z. Foster more than to any other American, the workers' movement owes thanks for the inspiration and development of the modern conceptions of trade-union organization and strategy best adapted to struggle for the immediate and ultimate needs of the workers. Decades ago his work placed upon the high-

way of trade-union progress ineradicable mile-posts which the workers find valid in leading them to effective organization today.

Foster was a pioneer in the movement for independent political action of the working class, and played a part in the founding and development of the political party of the workers at the beginning of the century. Foster's incorruptible loyalty and political integrity led him inevitably to become one of the earliest and greatest defenders of the Communist International and builders of the workers' revolutionary party of Socialism, the Communist Party.

In his historic role as an organizer and leader of the trade unions, William Z. Foster contributed more than any other man to the great struggles of the workers in 1919 in the campaign to organize the steel industry—the most basic struggle of the American workers in the whole of the past generation. With bold and far-seeing leadership Foster did more than that of any other man to

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## Pre-April 6 Peace Parley In Chicago on Sunday

Expect 800 Leaders of Unions, Other Groups to Attend

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—In preparation for the historic April 5-6 American People's meeting in New York City, a huge preliminary conference will be held here next Sunday, March 2, 2 P. M., at the Hamilton Hotel, 18 S. Dearborn St. Some 800 representatives of trade unions and organizations are expected to attend, according to local leaders of the American Peace Mobilization Chicago Council.

Meanwhile, a number of neighborhood meetings were also taking place here this week, and many are scheduled for the coming week.

The citywide meeting next Sunday will also be an eleventh hour mobilization to halt the War-Dictatorship Bill (H.R. 1776) which is now being debated in the U. S. Senate. The call for the March 2 peace conference declared:

"The drive towards fascist rule in America and total war can be stopped. Sovereignty belongs to the people. A united people's anti-war movement can save America from the horrors of war and the barbarity of fascism."

### SCHEDULED RALLIES

Scheduled meetings this weekend were to be held on the Northwest Side, with Rev. Armand Guerrero and Ernest DeMaio, of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers as speakers; and at the Christopher House, where a mass rally was sponsored jointly by the North Side Councils.

Ben Meyers, prominent Chicago labor attorney, also spoke at a mass meeting sponsored by the Hyde Park Council of the APM. The Professional Division of the APM also announced today that a large rally will be held next Friday, March 7, 8 P. M., in the Adams Room of the Midland Hotel. Main speakers will be John DeBoer, of the executive board of the American Federation of Teachers; Abe Feinglass, of the Furriers Union; and Harvey O'Connor, author, whose new book on the Astor family is now in print.

### BOSTON STUDENTS OPPOSE WAR BILL

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—Defeat of the lend-lease bill (H.R. 1776) was urged in a petition signed by a majority of the students at the Boston University School of Theology here.

The petition condemned the extensive grant of dictatorial power which the measure would give the president. Most of the students declared themselves unalterably opposed to participation by the U. S. in the war.

### MINNESOTA STUDENTS PETITION AGAINST BILL

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NORTHFIELD, Minn., Feb. 24.—A petition declaring that the lend-lease bill (H.R. 1776) "clears all legal obstacles out of the path of the creation of an American fascist state," 158 students at Carlton College here have signed a petition opposing the war measure.

Senators Joseph H. Hall and Henrik Shipstead were sent copies of the petition.

### TEXTILE LOCAL VOTES AGAINST BILL

(Special to the Daily Worker)

HIGH POINT, N. C., Feb. 24.—Local 319 of the Textile Workers Union of America, voted unanimously at its regular meeting tonight to condemn the Lend-Lease Bill as leading to war and dictatorship.

## War Dep't Bans Publications at Army Camps

Daily Worker and Organ of Negro Organization Are Included

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—A War Department blacklist of nine publications which have been ordered banned at army station exchanges has been disclosed here.

The publications which have been banned are the Daily Worker, Youth, Opportunity, Facts in Review, Friday, New Masses, New Republic, Social Justice, and the Nazi Racist. The publication Opportunity is issued by the National Urban League, a Negro organization.

The position of the War Department, it is reported, is that it will not aid in distribution at a profit of magazines or newspapers regarded as "subversive."

No orders have been issued against soldiers buying the prohibited publications outside the army posts nor has there been an order forbidding them to read the periodicals.

The ban was quietly effected by instructions sent to post commanders who ordered the papers removed from canteens and returned to the publishers.



Frederick V. Field, executive secretary of the American Peace Mobilization, greets Allan Bjorklund and Joseph Perkins of the Minneapolis Peace Mobilization as they bring to the APM national office thousands of petitions against war-dictatorship bill H.R. 1776 gathered in Minnesota.

## Oppose H. R. 1776: Hitler Predicts Undersea Blitz This Spring

Warns 'Half of Europe' Will Be Mobilized to 'Knockout' Britain

BERLIN, Feb. 24 (UP).—Adolf Hitler boasted today that he is prepared to "mobilize half of Europe" for a knockout of Britain and that a vast Nazi U-boat fleet, built up during the winter, will unleash merciless submarine warfare beginning next month.

Speaking in the rebuilt Munich Hofbrauhaus where he narrowly escaped assassination in a time-bomb blast on Nov. 9, 1939, the Reichsfuehrer left no doubt in the minds of his old Nazi party followers that the beginning of an all-out offensive against Britain is close at hand.

"Our war at sea can now begin in reality," the Reichsfuehrer asserted in Munich's beer cellar shrine where 21 years ago today an obscure but ambitious ex-corporal proclaimed the 25 planks of a new political creed called Nazism.

Hitler failed to repeat the promise of his Sportpalast speech of Jan. 30 that Germany will achieve a final victory this year, nor did he mention the tense situation in the Balkans.

The greatest stress of his one and a half hour speech was placed upon the terror that lies in store for Britain from the Nazi U-boat fleet for which "new crews have come and are coming" as result of intensive wintering preparations.

EXPECT SEA BLITZ  
British quarters have reported that Hitler is building more than 1,000 "vest-pocket" submarines of perhaps 50 or 60 tons, each requiring only three or four weeks to construct, and is ready to turn them loose and create "hormet" nests in the Mediterranean and around the British Isles.

(Hitler made no mention, however, of any new types of German submarines in his speech, according to the official text of his speech issued by the DNB agency.)

"I regard the future with fanatical confidence!" shouted Hitler. "All Germany is ready. . . . Germany will march!"

A few minutes earlier he had admitted that his methods were sometimes violent and that "I do not fight with reason if the other fellow needs only violence and terror." The Reichsfuehrer's speech

reached millions throughout the world, with a direct radio hookup carrying his words throughout the Reich, to Denmark, Norway, Holland, France, Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Yugoslavia, Finland and Switzerland.

Hitler said that only two hours before he spoke his naval High Command had informed him that 215,000 more tons of British shipping had been sunk, including 190,000 tons by Nazi U-boats, and that Britain "had better be prepared for entirely different things" in her sea losses in March and April.

## F.D.R. Asks Additional Billions For Army

Asks \$3,812,311,197 Now With Another Billion in Near Future

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—President Roosevelt asked Congress today for additional army appropriations and contract authorizations totaling \$3,812,311,197.

The request included \$268,238,000 cash and \$324,025,000 in contract authority for expansion of the Air Corps. There was no breakdown on how the Air Corps allotment would be spent.

It was reported in Congressional circles that the major portion of the plane air corps outlay was for purchase of some 3,500 medium and heavy bombers which will be assembled in plants now being built at Kansas City, Kan., Omaha, Neb., Tulsa, Okla., and Ft. Worth, Tex.

It was understood further that approximately \$1,000,000,000 more would be sought later for ordering 12,000 lighter planes, half of them trainers. These contracts, together with the bomber orders, would boost to about 34,800 the number of army planes on order.

The new requests were reported to be the first portion of supplemental Army requests for the current fiscal year which are expected to reach about \$5,400,000,000.

## Petain Again Shakes Up His Vichy Cabinet

Special Post Assigned for Collaboration with Germany

VICHY, Feb. 24 (UP).—Marshal Henri Philippe Petain tonight reorganized his French Cabinet for the second time in two weeks in an effort to restore the workings of French-German "collaboration" which he and Adolf Hitler agreed upon last year in their Montoire conference.

Pierre Laval, whose ouster as Vice-Premier and "chief" of Petain on Dec. 14 precipitated a serious break in French-German relations, found no place in the aged Marshal's reorganized government which gives to Admiral Jean Francois Darlan the broad authority formerly held by Laval.

Darlan remains as Vice-Premier under Petain. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Navy and Minister of Interior while General Charles Huntziger remains as Minister of National Defense.

The new Cabinet, announced at 9 P. M., includes for the first time two so-called German delegates, M. Barnaud and M. Lehideux, with Barnaud assigned to the task of further French-German economic collaboration.

"The new cabinet has firmly decided to follow the policy of French-German collaboration as established at Montoire as is proved by the designation for the first time of a general delegate for French and German economic negotiations," an official spokesman said.

## Rumanian Rail Service To Return to Normal

BUCHAREST, Feb. 24 (UP).—Railroad service in Rumania will return to normal Wednesday, it was reported today.

All transport service was restricted when German troop movement into Rumania began.

Authorities officially denied that the whole civilian population of the oil fields district would be evacuated.

When some troublesome neighbors tried to "forget" where the USSR frontier begins, they received such resolute blows that it must be supposed they lost the desire for such action for a long time to come.

"Particularly crushing blows to enemies of the USSR were dealt by the Red Army on the Karelian Isthmus when Finnish whiteguards, at the command of their imperialist masters, attempted to violate the security of the north-western frontiers of the Soviet Union."

## Soviet Students Test Plane Landing of Ski-Troops

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

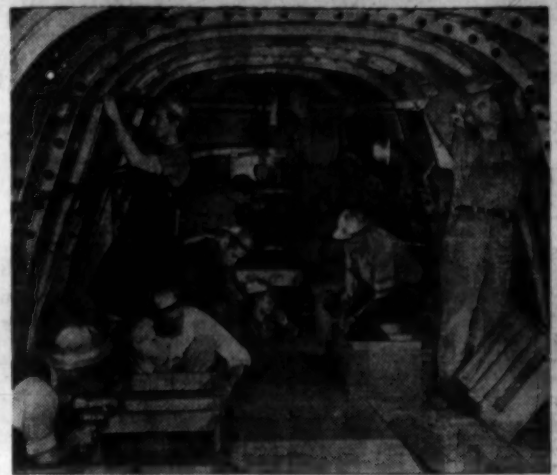
MOSCOW, Feb. 24.—Students at the Stalin District Aeroclub here last week carried out a successful parachute maneuver proving the effectiveness of troops landed by plane, it was announced today.

Nine planes flying in formation dropped a freight parachute loaded with skis about 15 miles from Moscow. The parachutists baled out immediately after from a height of about 1,500 feet.

Armed with rifles, they took to the skis and met at a pre-arranged spot where the commander of the detachment opened an envelope received before taking off and containing the detachment's assignment.

After establishing its bearings, the detachment moved along an indicated route for a 13-mile march through the outskirts of Moscow.

The official report of the movement declares that the detachment "executed tactical tasks assigned. The parachutists moved cautiously forward, 'disabled' industrial objectives of the 'enemy' indicated in the assignment, and 'attacked' populated points and ag-



This looks like a vehicular tunnel, but actually it is the pilot's compartment of the 80-ton Douglas B-29 bomber, world's largest airplane, which is nearing completion in Santa Monica, Calif. The \$12,000,000 craft will have the largest load-carrying capacity, longest flight range and most powerful armament of any sky ship ever built.

## Cede Japan All Oceania, Matsuoka Asks

Calls Upon 'White Race' to Consider Area Tokio's Influence Sphere

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (UP).—Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka today called upon "the white race" to cede Oceania—the vast more than 1,000-mile square region of the South Pacific—to the Asiatics.

Matsuoka declared that "if has always been my pet theory" that Oceania, which is 1,200-miles from north to south and 1,000-miles from east to west, must be made a place for the Asiatic peoples to migrate.

The Japanese Foreign Minister made his statement to a committee of the lower house of parliament.

He spoke after Japanese leaders had assured the House that Japan is watching Anglo-American moves closely and that the Japanese navy already has determined upon counter-measures to any threat.

## USSR Signs Trade Pact With Switzerland

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 24.—An agreement on trade turnover between the Soviet Union and Switzerland was signed here today.

Under the terms of the treaty Switzerland will export to the USSR machine tools, electrical equipment, turbines, generators, electric motors, steam boilers, hydraulic presses and precision instruments. In exchange the Soviet Union will export to Switzerland grain, timber, petroleum products, cotton and other goods.

The pact provides that under the first year of its operation the trade turnover of each contracting party shall be at least 112.5 million francs and for the second year 150 million francs.

The agreement will become effective after its approval by both governments. It was signed on behalf of the USSR by People's Commissar for Foreign Trade Mikoyan and on behalf of Switzerland by M. Ebarhard, chairman of the Swiss delegation.

## Payrolls, Jobs Cut in Stores During Dec.-Jan.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, Feb. 24.—Retail stores in the state reduced their working force by 21.6 per cent and their payrolls by 17.5 per cent from the middle of December to the middle of January, it was reported here today by Industrial Commissioner Frieda S. Miller.

Miss Miller claimed usual seasonal layoffs during the Christmas shopping season were responsible for the reductions.

## Thai Parley Goes On

TOKIO, Feb. 24 (UP).—Thailand and French Indo-China have extended for 10 days the truce which expires at 10 A. M. tomorrow (10 o'clock tonight EST), it was announced today.

## Campinchi Dies

MARSEILLE, Feb. 24 (UP).—Cesar Campinchi, 58, Minister of the Navy when France fell, died in a clinic here yesterday after a sudden illness.

## The Soviet People Celebrate the Red Army's 23rd Anniversary; Pravda, Izvestia Laud Tremendous Striking Power in Its Ranks

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 24.—The entire Soviet Union, from the Pacific to the Carpathians, and from the Baltic shores to Central Asian plains, celebrated the 23rd anniversary of the Red Army and Navy yesterday.

In editorials and special articles by military leaders, the Soviet press reviewed the history of the armed forces of the USSR and stressed the need for constant vigilance against "surprises" by the enemies of the land of Socialism.

An editorial in Pravda declared that "in the course of 23 years the glorious Soviet warriors have more than once displayed examples of valor and heroism in battles for the fatherland for the whole world to see."

BEST EQUIPMENT  
"The Party of Lenin and Stalin and the Soviet government have been incessantly forging the might of the armed forces of the Soviet

## Foster Hailed On Birthday by C.P. Committee

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place that trade unions again on the high-road to recover their ground and to advance after the orgy of blood and repression of Woodrow Wilson's imperialist war and the betrayal of the corrupt bureaucracy of Congress. But the unique character of Comrade Foster's value to the labor movement lies in the living contribution of his work today, under the conditions where the workers are forced to fight against the new orgy of war profits and repression in the Second World War into which our country has been plunged and is now engaged.

Hand in hand with the General Secretary of our Party, Comrade Earl Browder, Foster was our teacher and pioneer in laying the groundwork of the trade union policy of the Communist Party of the U. S. in its formative days. Foster's contributions have been inestimable in the development of the policies of the Communist Party, both in the trade union field and in connection with the struggle against war. To every worker in America William Z. Foster is a living example of the power and indispensability of the workers' revolutionary political party, not alone in the profound and ultimate liberation of the workers and the nation through Socialism, but also in even the smallest everyday problems of the trade union struggle. Comrade Foster is one of the greatest Americans and one of the indispensable leaders of the people, in that he is able to bring to the people the clear lesson of international solidarity and the knowledge in the triumphant success of the great Union of Soviet Socialist Republics that the Socialist victory of the workers in all lands is now in the practical order of history.

Foster is a highly gifted teacher from whom the workers learn their own powers, their own invincibility, the fact that Americans can do all that can be done by any people.

We congratulate our Comrade Foster; and wish him good health in the brilliant years of leadership ahead. The National Committee urges every worker to learn from the life and activity of Foster: to complete the organization of the unorganized to conduct a powerful struggle against the war; and to liberate Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party which is the indispensable vanguard in the struggle for an America of Socialism, freedom and peace.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
COMMUNIST PARTY

## Ship Mission Renews Appeal to British Gov't

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ment of Chile today asked its vice to that of Peru and Costa Rica in support of the Ship Mission and that the increasing dangers facing the Spanish refugees makes it imperative that no time be lost in effecting their rescue.

MINISTER'S CABLE  
A cable signed by Manuel Blum, Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs, said:

"The government of Chile feels with special sympathy upon the efforts that your committee is making to aid the Spanish-refugees. The president of the republic asked me to express his sentiments and cordial support together with his desire for the success of the enterprise."

"The committee is determined to press with all its energies for the granting of this warrant," Dr. Barsky said.

"All who believe in justice and humanity and who are aware of the humanitarian nature of the Ship Mission will carry no cargo except the precious lives of the foremost Spanish defenders of democracy," Dr. Barsky said.

The committee chairman pointed out that the Lovcen can be recommissioned according to Lloyd's specifications as provided in the contract and can be ready to sail for French Morocco within 30 days after the British warrant is issued. The contract for the Lovcen, he said, was signed on Feb. 1 and is

deposit of \$25,000 put up. On Feb. 14, he added, the committee was notified by the British consulate in New York that the Lovcen had been on the British blacklist since Dec. 6. The British government stated that this action was taken because of other activities on the part of the ship's owner.

Representatives of technicians which may exist the fact remains that the Lovcen will carry no cargo except the precious lives of the foremost Spanish defenders of democracy," Dr. Barsky said.

## TWO Delegates to Attend Jewish People's Parley

In a letter sent to the Jewish People's Committee, the City Central Committee of the International Workers Order expressed its support for the Fifth National Convention and selected Dave Green, its executive secretary, and Eugene M. Collins, its president, as delegates.

The I.W.O. Central Committee pointed out that it was keenly interested in the fight for the rights of the Jewish people and in the struggle against anti-Semitism and discrimination. It promised the wholehearted support of its 40,000 members.

The Fifth National Convention of the Jewish People's Committee will open at Macc Temple on Saturday evening, March 22nd, with a mass meeting and concert. On the following day three business sessions will be held at the Hotel Diplomat.

and making it a force that strikes terror in the hearts of its enemies."

"More than 50 per cent of the Red Army," Zaporozhets wrote, "consists of Communists and members of the Young Communist League. The Army has tens of thousands of qualified propagandists and agitators, thousands of clubs, scores of Red Army houses, thousands of libraries, and a powerful Red Army press."

"The level of culture of the commanding staff and of the rank and file of the Red Army is constantly rising. During 1940 the Red Army enrollment consisted of 35.5 per cent of men with higher and secondary, and junior secondary education, 53.3 per cent with education from 4 to 6 grades, and only 11.2 per cent with elementary education."

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## Garden Meeting Will Celebrate Foster Birthday

The capacity of Madison Square Garden—about 22,000—will be the only limit on the number of people who will celebrate William Z. Foster's birthday here. Foster's birthday is today, but due to advance bookings of the Garden the official celebration will be held March 17, at 7 P. M.

The National Committee of the Communist Party and the New York State Committee of the Party are joint sponsors of the meeting.

The Sunday Worker of March 16 will carry special feature articles and other interesting stories on Foster's life and work in the labor and progressive movement.

Notably, the fact that Americans can do all that can be done by any people.

We congratulate our Comrade Foster; and wish him good health in the brilliant years of leadership ahead. The National Committee urges every worker to learn from the life and activity of Foster: to complete the organization of the unorganized to conduct a powerful struggle against the war; and to liberate Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party which is the indispensable vanguard in the struggle for an America of Socialism, freedom and peace.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
COMMUNIST PARTY

## Ship Mission Renews Appeal to British Gov't

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ment of Chile today asked its vice to that of Peru and Costa Rica in support of the Ship Mission and that the increasing dangers facing the Spanish refugees makes it imperative that no time be lost in effecting their rescue.

MINISTER'S CABLE  
A cable signed by Manuel Blum, Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs, said:

"The government of Chile feels with special sympathy upon the efforts that your committee is making to aid the Spanish-refugees. The president of the republic asked me to express his sentiments and cordial support together with his desire for the success of the enterprise."

"The committee is determined to press with all its energies for the granting of this warrant," Dr. Barsky said.

"All who believe in justice and humanity and who are aware of the humanitarian nature of the Ship Mission will carry no cargo except the precious lives of the foremost Spanish defenders of democracy," Dr. Barsky said.

The committee chairman pointed out that the Lovcen can be recommissioned according to Lloyd's specifications as provided in the contract and can be ready to sail for French Morocco within 30 days after the British warrant is issued. The contract for the Lovcen, he said, was signed on Feb. 1 and is

deposit of \$25,000 put up. On Feb. 14, he added, the committee was notified by the British consulate in New York that the Lovcen had been on the British blacklist since Dec. 6. The British government stated that this action was taken because of other activities on the part of the ship's owner.

Representatives of technicians which may exist the fact remains that the Lovcen will carry no cargo except the precious lives of the foremost Spanish defenders of democracy," Dr. Barsky said.

## TWO Delegates to Attend Jewish People's Parley

In a letter sent to the Jewish People's Committee, the City Central Committee of the International Workers Order expressed its support for the Fifth National Convention and selected Dave Green, its executive secretary, and Eugene M. Collins, its president, as delegates.

The I.W.O. Central Committee pointed out that it was keenly interested in the fight for the rights of the Jewish people and in the struggle against anti-Semitism and discrimination. It promised the wholehearted support of its 40,000 members.

The Fifth National Convention of the Jewish People's Committee will open at Macc Temple on Saturday evening, March 22nd, with a mass meeting and concert. On the following day three business sessions will be held at the Hotel Diplomat.

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Bethlehem Steel Gets  
Warning  
From SWOC6,411 at Lackawanna  
Plant Vote to Strike;  
See Walkout Near

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 24 (UP)—The Steel Workers' Organizing Committee issued a "final statement" today calling upon the Bethlehem Steel Corp. to arbitrate a dispute with its Lackawanna plant employees or face a strike which labor leaders warned might spread to all its plants and result in walkouts by 60,000 workers.

Lorne H. Nelson, international representative of the SWOC, said a strike vote which began today resulted in 6,411 employees voting for a walkout and 2,001 voting against one. Early votes were tallied. The ballot authorized international officers to call a strike immediately if they see fit.

Van A. Britner, SWOC regional director, issued the statement at a press conference in which he accused the corporation of:

- 1—Endangering the national defense program by anti-labor action.
- 2—Looking out for interests of employees because of their union activities.
- 3—Refusing to arbitrate the dispute.

Britner said that continued refusal of company executives to meet union representatives would result in a strike authorized by a weekend union vote. He said the time of such action would be decided by union members at a meeting "within two or three days."

Such a strike, Britner said, undoubtedly would spread to all the plants of the company, which has a billion dollars worth of defense orders on hand.

Death Enjoyed No Holiday in Nation's Mines  
During 1940, CIO Reveals; 1,420 Killed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Death enjoyed no holiday during the year in the nation's coal mines, the CIO United Mine Workers Journal reported today.

The Journal quoted "tentative" estimates of the U. S. Bureau of Mines which placed the 1940 total of fatal mine accidents at 1,420.

The figure represented an increase of 345 over the previous year and marked the highest level since 1921. "In addition to having the largest number of fatal-

ties since 1931, the year 1940 had more deaths from major explosion disasters than in any year since 1923," the UMW paper reported.

Commenting on the 1940 death record, the Bureau of Mines declared:

"The accident record of the coal mines of the United States in 1940 gives those engaged in the industry very little cause for rejoicing. In fact, the situation is one which must be given very serious thought and relatively

quick action if the coal mining industry of this country is to be saved the stigma of causing not only a national but even a world-wide scandal in the callousness with which the lives of workers in the coal mines of the United States are being sacrificed."

Unsuccessful in its effort to get mine safety legislation passed by Congress at its last session, the UMW is now putting all its strength behind the Federal Mine Inspection Bill introduced by Rep. Flannery of Pennsylvania.

Four Packed Rallies Here Pledge Continued  
Fight to Free Browder, Cheer C. P. Leader

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ings in the mid-town area, organized to carry on the campaign for his freedom, entered Hotel Capitol at 8:05 and immediately was greeted by a rising ovation from the huge crowd, most of whom were members and friends of the Young Communist League which had planned the Hotel Capitol rally.

"Free Earl Browder, Free Earl Browder," was the chant that swelled into a roar as Browder walked up the aisle flanked by a dozen husky YCLers. No sooner did he ascend the platform than the crowd broke into song: "Browder is our leader, We shall not be moved, Browder is our leader, We shall not be moved, Just like a tree, standing by the water, We shall not be moved."

Introduced by Mike Saunders, Administrative Secretary of the Young Communist League as "the greatest living anti-war fighter in America," Browder began in a spirit of grim jest.

"Together with a million other Americans I got my number," Browder said with a half smile. "I understand that a million boys have been called and I am in the next draft."

HEGERS ANTI-WAR STRUGGLE  
Millions of other young Americans would follow, he predicted unless a more decisive action was taken by the American people to compel Washington to "get out and stay out of the imperialist war."

"My draft is of a slightly peculiar nature but springs from essentially the same reasons for the draft of the million men now in camps," he said.

Charging that the administration was seeking to silence all voices against war he warned that they feared if the Federal government believed it could silence the Communist Party. "They made a great mistake if they believed that the voice of the Communist Party depends on one or a few people because the voice of the Communist Party is going to be heard louder and louder throughout the land. For the voice of the Communist Party is the voice of the advance section of the American people and cannot be silenced."

Cheers broke forth from the youthful audience when Browder declared that the Communist Party spoke especially for the "younger generation, the generation which has already made up its mind that it won't be the helpless generation of 1917-1918."

Pointing out that the task of ending the imperialist war could not be accomplished by a small minority, or by bold speeches, or ill-considered actions and exploits of individual heroism, Browder said:

"The greatest tasks before us require the united judgment, will and action of the majority of the people. The time is not far distant when we are going to be an organized majority."

Deep pride in the Party he leads rang in Browder's voice as he spoke of the growing influx of workers into the ranks of the Communist Party as a result of its courageous struggle against American involvement in the war.

"The Party is growing more rapidly, more surely, more solidly than it has ever grown in its history," he said. "It is the only party that can speak for the future of America."

"No matter how difficult things are we sleep soundly at night. Our slumber is peaceful. I am afraid the same can't be said for those who lie in the beds of the mighty. Nothing is of avail for them, not

all their power, not all their money, not all their prisons, they cannot control the future of the American people."

A roaring ovation followed Browder as he walked through the jammed hall to make his Mecca Temple meeting.

Other speakers included Louis F. Budenz, of the Daily Worker Editorial Board; Claudia Jones, of the National Committee of the Young Communist League, and John Gates, New York Secretary of the Young Communist League.

GETS 10-MINUTE OVATION  
At Mecca Temple crowds filled two great halls, jamming the main auditorium to the topmost rows of the balcony and then overflowing into another meeting room where every available inch of space was filled. Together more than 5,000 persons attended the two meetings there.

At Manhattan Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave., more than 1,500 persons crowded into the auditorium.

Browder arrived at the Opera House shortly before nine o'clock, coming from the Capitol Hotel, and was given a rousing 10-minute ovation before he could be introduced by the chairman, Robert Campbell, Negro youth leader of Brooklyn.

MECCA TEMPLE SPEAKERS  
Speakers at the Mecca Temple main auditorium included Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Roy Hudson, Robert Minor, Israel Amter, with Al Landon, waterfront organizer of the Communist Party, presiding as chairman.

He introduced Robert Minor as "the man who carried on the defense of Tom Mooney from the day of his arrest till he came out of jail, and he will see Browder freed!"

"A policy of war," Minor said, "is not just a foreign policy, it is a domestic policy as well. And now we see the real character of Franklin D. Roosevelt's war. It is the policy to make the United States as nearly as possible a fascist nation, to put out of action the greatest and strongest leader for peace, Roosevelt first decided to get Browder out of the way."

When Israel Amter, in the course of his speech, declared that "we must raise the slogan 'Free Earl Browder,'" the entire audience took it up at once and chanted it in unison for several minutes.

PLEDGE ADOPTED  
At each of the four rallies the following pledge was enthusiastically adopted:

"We 15,000 New York citizens, assembled in four great protest rallies, condemn this crime against the American people. We pledge to rally the entire labor and progressive movement of our city and state to continue the struggle against the war and dictatorship plans of Wall Street and to unite the people behind the slogan: 'Free Earl Browder.'"

"Just as Debs, Haywood, Ruthenberg and Mooney were freed by the united will of the American people, so shall Earl Browder be freed by the action of the American people."

Israel Amter, who spoke in both meetings in Mecca Temple, stated that Roosevelt and Wall Street cannot succeed in their war plans "so long as the only principled, courageous and determined group in the United States, namely, the Communist Party, is able to carry on its work. Hence, the Federal government and Wall Street have launched their sharpest blows against the Communist Party. They have decided that Comrade Earl Browder, the foremost fighter against war, the man most feared and hated by Wall Street, shall be the first major victim of their war plans."

Amter described Browder as "the clearest Marxist in the Western Hemisphere, following the great teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin with vision, insight and

Flynn to Address Chicago  
Rally to 'Free Browder'

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—A campaign to pack Ashland Auditorium here Thursday night was in full swing today as final preparations for the big "Free Browder" rally were being mapped.

The principal speaker, known for many years as a battler for civil rights, will be Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Secretary of the Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights of Communists. The meeting will be properly at 8 P.M.

Other speakers will include the four Lewisohn defendants against whom framed-up charges of criminal syndicalism were dismissed last week. They were arrested for procuring signatures on petitions to place Communist Party candidates on the state ballot during the past elections.

an analytical mind. Comrade Earl Browder represents the 98 per cent of the American people, who despite the torrents of propaganda over the radio and in the press, movies and churches, remain opposed to American involvement in war."

Asserting emphatically that "we will free Earl Browder — yes, the working class will free him," Amter concluded with this appeal: "Well, comrades, let's do our part. Let us reach the masses as never before. Let us educate them in the spirit of the Communist Party and for Socialism. Let us unite the people under the slogan of Free Earl Browder, and Earl Browder will emerge from his prison cell to lead the workers and farmers of the United States to peace, security, freedom and Socialism."

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn told the audience at Mecca Temple that "Earl Browder not only belongs to the Communist Party but is today the outstanding leader of the American labor movement in the struggle for peace and democracy."

She described the Supreme Court decision as the country's shame, and said that tens of thousands of non-Communists from coast to coast so regard it.

At the Central Opera House rally speakers included Peter Cacchione, Mary Himoff, Paul Novick, editor of the Morning Freiheit, Isidore Begun and A. W. Berry.

CACCHIONE SPEAKS  
Cacchione contrasted the sentence against Earl Browder with the promise of freedom given to Abe Reles of Murder, Inc.

"The war makers and Wall Street," Cacchione said, "hope to silence the Communist Party, the only party opposed to participation in this war, by throwing Earl Browder in prison. But they will never silence the Communist Party; they will never destroy the Communist Party. These days of darkness will be remembered by the American people. Prisons and persecutions cannot stop us because we represent the future as embodied in Socialism."

Novick described the Browder case as a "political frame-up" and declared that the Jewish people are outraged by it. He also contrasted the Browder sentence with the relatively light sentence imposed on Jerome (Madelros) King for his part in the slaying of a rank and file seaman. He also referred to the acquittal of William McQuestion on a murder charge.

"Killers go scott free," Novick said, "but the leaders of the International Fur Union are in prison, the attacks on Harry Bridges continue, and now Earl Browder is to go to prison."

At the smaller meeting in Mecca Temple, presided over by Sadie Van Veen, Henry Winston, administrative secretary of the Young Communist League, was accorded a rousing ovation.

The Supreme Court decision against Browder, he said, "is equal in infamy only to the Dred Scott decision. As is well known the anger and the resistance of the American people forced a reversal of the Dred Scott decision. And just as that decision was reversed, so this decision will be reversed by a united and aroused America."

Isidore Begun, legislative representative of the New York Communist Party, asserted that "our Party cannot be silenced because

FOSTER TO SPEAK

AT BOSTON RALLY

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—William Z. Foster, national Chairman of the Communist Party, will be the principal speaker at a "Free Browder" protest rally to be held here in the historic old South Meeting Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 8 P.M.

Other speakers will include Anne Buriak, state secretary of the Communist Party; Jack Green, administrative secretary, and Otis Hood, state chairman.

BLAIR TO SPEAK

AT RACINE RALLY

RACINE, Wis., Feb. 24.—The people of Racine will protest the decision to imprison Earl Browder at a mass meeting, Friday, March 7 at 7:30 P.M., at Hungarian Hall, 2132 Racine St.

Fred Bassett Blair, state chairman of the Communist Party, will be the principal speaker together with Dalton Johnson, Communist leader in Racine and well-known trade unionist.

CLEVELAND PLANS

FOR OVERFLOW RALLY

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Feb. 24.—The committee in charge of arrangements for the March 2 "Free Browder" rally here reported today that advance response to the call indicates an overflow meeting. The rally is set for the Public Auditorium on Sunday, March 2.

Robert Minor, co-worker of Browder, and Arnold Johnson, state secretary of the Communist Party, will be the principal speakers.

the people cannot be silenced. We are going to explain and explain again the meaning of this war to the people."

Referring to other attacks on the Communist Party, Begun said that "the truth of the matter is that

the people are listening to us more and more. That's the reason they are trying to put Earl Browder in jail—because Earl Browder and the Communist Party are successfully exposing the nature of this war and all that it means."

'Right Wing' ALP Parley  
Is Branded a 'Fake'

The Antonini-Dubinsky faction of the American Labor Party was roundly denounced last night by the Progressive Committee to Rebuild the ALP, declaring the so-called right wing "city-wide convention" held at the Hotel Capitol in support of Dean Alfange, Tammany candidate for Congress in the 17th District, a "pure fake."

The official New York County Committee of the ALP, according to New York's election law, chose Eugene P. Connolly as its candidate in the 17th Congressional District and his name only will appear on the ballot as the party's candidate," the Progressive Committee declared.

As the social-democratic controlled "ALP" meeting got under way last night, plans were announced by Luigi Antonini, the party's state chairman, to introduce a resolution backing the Lease-Lend Bill and the Roosevelt war program.

HIT BY PROGRESSIVES

The Progressive Committee stated, however, that the action of this illegal "convention" would in no way express the opinions of the rank and file members of the ALP. The New York County Committee of the Party, which nominated Connolly as candidate in special election, is on record against the Lease-Lend Bill and the entire administration war program.

"Mr. Connolly is opposed to the Lease-Lend Bill and is campaigning actively in the district," the Progressive Committee statement said. "We believe he represents the genuine sentiment of the people of the community. Repudiation by persons powerless to do anything about it means nothing."

Scheduled to speak at last night's meeting of the social-democratic wing was Tammany candidate Alfange. Members of the Antonini faction had also planned to put the meeting on record as endorsing Mayor LaGuardia for a third term and to groom Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle for the Mayoralty post in case LaGuardia declines to run.

S. M. Blinkin, speaking for the Progressive committee, characterized the right wing "city-wide convention" as "an attempt to magnify a flea to the size of an elephant."

PACKED MEETING

"It is not a convention," he declared. "It has no legal basis whatsoever. It will be another packed meeting of hired business agents who come as a paid clique to everyone of Dubinsky's and Antonini's opera bouffes."

The meeting was called a "complete fake" by Mr. Blinkin because "those gathering there have no power to effect endorsements." He said that not one of 85 ALP clubs supporting the progressives had been invited to the meeting.

"It will be a 'Ja' meeting at which the former Hoover supporter, Alfange of Tammany, will

be cheered by persons, 99.9 per cent of whom do not live in the congressional district," said the Progressive Committee statement.

On the Antonini plan to start a Berle-for-Mayor campaign, the Progressive Committee stated: "The proposed early grooming of A. A. Berle, 7-cent fare advocate, for ALP mayoralty candidate is equally laughable. Who's going to nominate him? Certainly not the rank and file who control the vote. When the mayoralty candidate is named, it will not be by the group meeting tonight."

It was learned, however, that the social-democrats have for some time been planning a draft-LaGuardia movement.

More than a week ago Antonini and Dubinsky conferred with the Mayor at length at City Hall. On the Mayor's official visitors' book the two social-democrats were listed as representing the "New Leader Committee." The New Leader is the official organ of the Social Democratic Federation.

Parley Continues  
In Whelan  
CIO Walkout

Following conferences over the week-end, representatives of Drug Clerks and Pharmacists Union, Local 1199, CIO, and the United Whelan Stores Corp. scheduled further talks this afternoon.

800 OUT

The strike, now in the fourth week, involves 800 workers of the company's 55 New York drug stores. The union is holding to its original demand of a 15 per cent wage increase for those earning below \$25 weekly and 10 per cent for those earning above \$25 a week.

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House Maps 'Relief'  
On War Profit TaxesConsumers Get Official Warning to 'Sacrifice' As  
Administration and Republicans Act to  
Kick Back Cash to Big Industries

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and of the Republicans in Congress as well.

"The main purpose of the new bill is to safeguard against taxation the huge profits which large corporations expect to make during the armaments boom."

In other words, profits are being guaranteed by the government to the nation's big corporations while consumers are being urged by Administration officials to tighten their belts.

KICKBACKS TO BIG FIRMS

Important concessions are made to companies that experienced rapid growth during the 1934-36 period; to corporations with widely fluctuating earnings; and to firms with "abnormal" tax problems.

Large corporations would be able to recover the losses of one year from the profits of the next by reducing the amount of taxes they would have to pay on their excess profits, according to the proposed legislation.

At the present time, the excess profit tax for 1940, the first taxable year, is computed in the following manner: A company determines its average earnings over the four-year base period, 1936-1939. The company does not have to pay an excess profits tax on 95 per cent of this average profit, which is called the "excess profits credit for 1940. On profits above this credit, the corporation must pay a tax.

The new amendments propose to allow corporations to carry over their unused excess profits credit from one year to the next. For example, if a company had an excess profits credit for 1940 of four million dollars, but made earnings of only three million dollars, it would have an unused credit of one million dollars.

DELAYS SETTLEMENT

On the basis of the suggested changes, the company would be able to carry over the unused credit for the 1941 taxable year. In other words, for 1941, the company would have an excess profits credit of five million instead of the four million the law now grants.

The new legislation may even grant corporations the right to carry over the excess profits credit for two years, until 1943—thus making sure that corporations can hold on to their profits as long as the defense boom lasts.

These amendments specifically benefit the large corporations, since the existing law now grants companies with taxable income of less than \$25,000 the right to carry over their unused excess profits credit.

Further changes in the bill aid corporations which grew rapidly from 1936 to 1939, and consequently showed an increase in earnings each year. Such companies feel that they should not be penalized for making greater profits each year but should be granted exemptions for the hardships involved in increased profits.

The benefit such companies, an al-

ternative proposal has been provided for computing average earnings over the 1936-1939 base period. A company whose earnings in the last two years of that period exceeded the first two years is given the power to manipulate and increase the excess profits credit. But should the credit arrive at the higher than the earnings in the best base period year, the company can automatically reduce it to the highest annual figure.

"ADJUSTMENTS" O.K.'D

To make sure that "relief" is extended to all corporations so that no company has to abide by the full provisions of the Excess Profits Law, a further amendment has been included.

This gives the Commissioner of Internal Revenue the power to make adjustments in the case of companies with abnormalities in either income or capital which makes individual treatment necessary. This power is broad enough to cover most corporations that are not offered liberal exemptions under other clauses of the present law. The House Ways and Means Committee is going out of its way to be considerate to large corporations and is attempting to rush this legislation through Congress before taxes become due on March 15. It is expected that the Senate will cooperate in these efforts and also rush this "relief" legislation through.

## 10 Drown

MONTREAL, Feb. 24 (UP).—Provincial police announced that 10 men were drowned and five others were saved today when a truck owned by the H. Brunelle Ice Company crashed through the ice into the St. Lawrence River near here.



A Flooded Countryside Near Los Angeles: A house in Topanga Canyon swollen by downpours of rain. The storm forced Los Angeles County flood control engineers to lower water levels behind dams throughout the Sierra Madre Mountains area.

Protest School  
Group's Bid to  
Martin Dies

(Daily Worker, Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties today protested against the invitation extended by the American Association of School Administrators to Martin Dies to speak before their convention.

In a wire sent to Carroll R. Reed, President of the Association, the Federation charged that as "chairman of a Congressional Committee that has flagrantly violated American democratic ideals and traditions, Mr. Dies has earned the distrust and disdain of the American people."

The telegram was signed by Herbert Owen A. Knox, Chairman of the Federation, which represents civic, labor, religious and fraternal organizations in thirty states. It is "particularly shocking," Mr. Knox stated, "that such a person is invited to appear before a conference devoted to the welfare of our children and to the nurturing in them of true American ideals."

Robbery Native  
Seen in Shooting  
Of Bomb Inventor

While continuing their investigation into the fatal shooting Sunday night of "Robbie" Michael Bernzovsky, a white Russian, police yesterday inclined to the theory that the 35-year-old man was the victim of an unsuccessful hold-up attempt.

His body was found with a bullet wound through the chest on St. Nicholas Terrace near 134th St. He had been carrying a heavy case and police expressed the opinion that he had been shot by "garthright robbers" when he put up a fight during a hold-up attempt.

Bernzovsky experimented with military devices and was reported to have recently offered the U. S. War Department a "devastating bomb." He was said to have been a colonel in the Soviet Russian army.



## Farmers Fight Pa. Light Trust To Save Co-op

Battle Against Utility Monopoly Is to Preserve Rural Electrical Cooperative from Grab; Defend Fair Rates Won by Unity

(Special to the Daily Worker)

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 24.—A determined group of 40 Pennsylvania farmers are fighting one of the largest Eastern power empires in a highly important "customer versus monopoly" battle that may wind up before the United States Supreme Court.

The fight began the night of January 30th on a rural strip of Cumberland County farmland when late landowners united in a noble campaign to drive the grasping overlord of the massive Pennsylvania Power and Light Company off property that already was pre-empted by the Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc., a segment of the Federal Rural Electrification system. Today the so-called "battle of the post holes" has developed into what Pennsylvania Public Utility Commissioner Richard J. Beamish terms the "most important case ever to come before the P. U. C."

The power company cites as part of its "defense," a charge that a section of the Public Utility law concerning pre-emption of land is unconstitutional. If the P. P. & L. can prove this, Beamish says "every rural cooperative in the country, as well as the Rural Electrification Administration, will be destroyed."

The farmers are fighting solely to prevent this on grounds that they've been denied reasonable power rates for years, and that the Adams Cooperative gave them their first taste of just and legal electric rates. Farmer witnesses have neglected their important barnyard chores to jam the P. U. C. hearing room to capacity and explain what they consider "unjust treatment" at the hands of the P. P. & L. utility empire.

### FARMERS PROTEST

They've invaded the state capital en masse to tell of trying years when they fought to obtain decent treatment at the hands of the power company. Occasionally they were promised that the P. P. & L. would string up wires and bring electricity to their outposts. But the rates were high and constant bickering and pleading finally led to a promise that the utility firm would install service.

The farmers waited for months, the deadline passed, and they set out to find another solution. It came in the form of the rural cooperative which offered cheaper rates and was given permission to run its power lines over the farmland.

Testimony shows that almost immediately the P. P. & L. began to show interest. Eager to prevent a rival organization from doing business, the utility company offered the farmers cheaper rates. However, the farmers displayed their loyalty to the cooperative which had come to their aid, and flatly refused to permit installation of P. P. & L. poles and wires.

Farmer George Morrison says he was quoted a \$5.98 monthly minimum by P. P. & L. a year ago, and that his property is only 500 feet from the nearest power line. Morrison then added:

"About January 7th of this year I was quoted a \$2.75 monthly minimum by the same firm. This was just after the R. E. A. had come through. I'm interested in current at a reasonable rate and would prefer the cooperative because it was the first to talk business."

John Keck, who's farmed in the region for 35 years, says he tried to get power five or six years ago and was quoted a monthly rate

of \$8.84. Keck's place was a mere half mile from a main power line. Right after the cooperative began operating, Keck was offered P. P. & L. power for \$8.00 a month. He says the company put eleven poles on his land without having the right of way.

### HEARING PACKED

Amazing testimony was offered by Guy L. Loy, a Newville farmer, who says he was offered P. P. & L. power in 1927 at a minimum monthly rate of \$35. At that time, Loy was forced to compromise and provide 27 poles, dig 27 post holes, and hire two men to help him string up the line. It cost him \$323 cash to install equipment for the wealthy power empire, then he began paying exorbitant monthly rates.

Another witness, Mrs. Panny Horn of Big Spring, told the commissioners she "never would" take P. P. & L. service.

Farmers resolute in their solidarity are jamming the hearing room, and almost unanimously, they've expressed preference for cooperative rather than company service. Never before has the hearing chamber housed such crowds.

The angered farmers today are putting into words what they put into action the night of January 30th when they thwarted the attempt of the P. P. & L. to "speak" its power lines over their property without permission.

After being refused the right to install its poles, the company ordered a crew of linemen to erect poles at night. But the farmers were united and alert. They met the company linemen in the fields, watched them dig a line of post holes with a determined "shovel brigade" whose actions now are cited in a legislative resolution as "boldly emulating the farmers of Lexington."

One serious charge against the power company is that on that night, the 40 farmers were "herded into a barn" by a state trooper who was summoned at the request of a P. P. & L. official.

### TWO RESOLUTIONS

This accusation came from Daniel Teeter, Gettysburg attorney, who represents the cooperative.

Incidentally, there are two resolutions favoring the farmers now up for consideration in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. One states that the "farmers have shown unusual courage, resourcefulness, and solidarity of purpose in their night-long vigil and concerted action against the aggressions of power interests by filling holes for light poles as fast as said power concern dug them."

The bill continues: "Said farmers have been refused and denied the benefits of electric power and light at reasonable rates for many years" . . . and that they "boldly emulated the farmers of Lexington in resisting the dictatorial aggressions of predatory powers in a bold attempt to perpetuate a system of financial exploitation."

The bill accuses the power interests of "habitually circulating phobias of delay, insufficiency of money, and untrue and misleading propaganda."



START PANAMA CANAL'S THIRD SET OF LOCKS: Operated by Colonel Thomas B. Larkin, supervising engineer, a caterpillar-type shovel lifts the first shovelful of earth for the dry excavation of the new locks at Gatun, a project which will require the removal of more than 12,000,000 cubic yards of earth and rock.

## Ohio State Senate Seeks Coup on Vicious Measures

Attempt to Rush Bill Which Would Ban Communists on Ballot, and Also Become Repressive Weapon Against All Progressive Peace Organizations

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Feb. 24.—News leaked out today that the reactionary Senators have prepared a hearing on the vicious, anti-progressive Phillips Bill Tuesday in the State Senate at Columbus.

Sponsors of the bill are trying to pull a surprise and push the measure over on the people before the implications of the act become known to the citizens of Ohio. The bill, which seeks to drive the Communist Party off the primary ballot, is so worded that no honest and progressive person in the state, Communist or non-Communist, would escape its all-embracing provisions of persecution, spying and arrest.

Cleveland members of the State Senate, on being queried about the bill and the quick hearing, expressed surprise over the rapidity and secretiveness with which the bill is being pushed. It was learned that the sponsors of the bill seek to send it through before the people and the labor movement can mobilize to kill it.

### LEGALIZES PERSECUTION

This week, the Communist Party of Ohio, through its State Secretary, Arnold Johnson, warned the labor movement and the general public that the bill is clearly aimed, not only at the Communist Party, but against every progressive organization and person. This is evident in the provisions of the measure, which not only calls for the expulsion of the Communist Party from the primary elections, but cracks down on all organizations which distribute literature and leaflets broadly described in the bill as "un-American."

The act, which is listed in the Legislature as S. B. 22, permits the Governor and the Attorney General to investigate organizations which they think fall into the general category of the undefined description "un-American." The Communist Party pointed out that behind legally couched phrases of this particular provision lies the creation of a one-man Gestapo spy service, under the direct supervision of the notorious anti-labor Governor Bricker, which will infect the labor unions, college classrooms and mass organizations of the people.

The measure legalizes the persecution and arrest of those accused of "un-American activities." This act comes at a time when all the war-mongers in the state are saying that labor's struggles for higher wages and better working conditions are "un-American" actions. Likewise, many newspapers in Ohio are chanting the phrase, "peace-mongers" against any organization or person opposed to America's participation in the war, and openly call such persons and organizations "un-American."

The bill accuses the power interests of "habitually circulating phobias of delay, insufficiency of money, and untrue and misleading propaganda."

Nothing is fresher for spring-time than navy blue, trimmed with white pique collar and cuffs like the dress above—but you're smart if you see to it that the white part is detachable, for separate laundering. This model has the new long overblouse, with a panel of horizontal tucking, and pleated skirt. It's in sheer rayon. The rolled-brim hat is of black and white felt.

## Charges Mayor Didn't Hamper Anti-Semites

The Yorkville Branch of the American Labor Party yesterday condemned the failure of the city administration to curb the anti-Semitic campaign of Joe McWilliams whose latest activities include the circulation of a "Buy Christian" list in Yorkville under the title of the "Christian Consumer's Guide."

The ALP emphasized that in their haste "to drag America into the slaughter abroad," the LaGuardia administration has neglected the rights of all minority groups. "The struggle to restore peace to America to prevent the troop transports now hurriedly being built from ever sailing with American boys" said the ALP statement "cannot be separated from the fight against all violations of the rights of racial and religious groups."

## New York's Invisible Government

## Prial's Club Collects Huge Sum from Workers

Civil Service Forum Holds Grip Over Lives of Thousands of City Employees, Collects Millions in 'Dues'

By Harry Raymond

(This concludes a series of two articles.)

The one great mystery of the invisible government of Frank J. Prial, publisher of the Chief, is what happens to all the money collected from civil service workers by the Civil Service Forum and affiliated company unions.

According to the Chief, the Forum, Prial's central organization, has 100,000 members. The membership dues in this fake union is \$1 a year per member, making a total of \$100,000 a year.

It is estimated, therefore, that dues receipts of the Forum during its 25 years of existence total some \$2,500,000.

The Chief also boasts that the Forum has no paid officers. But the latest financial report of the organization shows total assets of only \$10,000.

What, then, is it being asked, has become of \$2,490,000, which the Prial organization collected from civil service workers?

Yesterday we told how Prial controls, through various organizations and key men, workers in the Department of Sanitation, Comptroller's Office, Welfare Department, Department of Transportation and other departments and contributes to their greater exploitation.

But the invisible government reaches out further than this and into the Borough Government offices.

Employees of the Brooklyn Borough President are whipped into line for company unionism by Tim Dinan, a powerful Prial henchman and Civil Service Chairman for Foremen in the Forum.

John Kane, also heads a foremen's group in the offices of the Queens Borough President. He is city legislative chairman for the Forum and in this position holds Queens Borough workers in the Prial grip.

In the Department of Public Works Phil Brueck, who also controls the engineering staff of the Board of Transportation, runs the company union show.

He forces the rank and file workmen into line by clubbing them with his Prial-inspired Technical Guild, an organization of engineers and bosses.

The Forum's main foe is the State, County and Municipal Workers of America (CIO) which recently launched an organizational drive in the Sanitation Department among the street cleaners.

Also opposing the activities of the Forum is the Federation of Municipal Employees, an independent organization, which broke from the Forum in 1939, its president, Henry Feinstein, assailing the Forum for "lack of aggressive action on many progressive legislative proposals."

During the recent drive in the Sanitation Department, however, there developed some differences between the independent group and the CIO.

The anti-labor role of the Forum was made especially clear last year when it was held responsible for the killing of an 8-hour day bill in the City Council for civil service laborers.

Under pressure of progressive civil service employees Councilman Joseph T. Sharkey put the bill in the legislative hopper.

But Leopold Rossi, secretary of the Forum, immediately went to John Caahmore, then Council vice-chairman and Majority Leader, and advised that the "Boss is against it." Rossi got little action. So "The Boss," Prial, went to see Caahmore and a few days later the bill was withdrawn.

Rossi also led the fight before the Civil Service Commission in 1940 against a proposition to change men of the labor class to

the classified competitive class of civil service.

Under the labor class listing the city employee has no rights when charges are filed against him. But under the competitive class the charges must be filed in writing, giving the employee a measure of protection against summary dismissal and discrimination.

The Forum naturally opposed introduction of this new safeguard, because the old system gave the Forum greater control over the workers.

Under the labor class system foremen and bosses, who were Prial men, could discriminate against and fire employees or threaten to fire them for failure to go along with policies of the Forum or pay dues to the company union.

Opening the drive to organize the sanitation workers into the CIO Joseph Curran, president of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council assailed the Prial company union set-up. He said:

"They have done nothing to improve working conditions in the Sanitation Department and have failed to call to the attention of either the public or the department officials certain serious injustices that affect the sanitation men."

But Prial's influence, through his invisible government, affects more than working conditions. It affects every phase of life in the city.

The seventeen elevator inspectors recently dismissed from the service for taking bribes for making "proper" inspections were Forum men and were defended by Rossi in behalf of the Forum.

Prial men will be found among housing and building inspectors, fire inspectors, sidewalk inspectors

and inspectors of theatres and other public places.

His organization reaches into both Republican and Democratic parties and the LaGuardia Fusion groups.

In fact, he has both fought and supported the Mayor. At present he is opposing LaGuardia, despite the fact that the Mayor had tried to appease him with a \$15,000 job as arbitrator for the cloth shrinking industry.

Prial's income has been variously estimated, but all estimates indicate the enterprises of his invisible government have brought him great wealth.

It is estimated that the Chief brings him more than \$60,000 a year. He is said to have investments of approximately \$500,000 in federal, state and city bonds. His city pension should total more than \$4,000.

Prial boasts of being a religious man, a Roman Catholic. But he has never shown any inclination toward utilizing the Church to advance his political ambitions.

When he chose to donate a stained glass window to a house of worship he overlooked his own parish in Brooklyn, where few civil service workers come to worship, and presented the window to St. Andrew's Church in Manhattan, attended chiefly by civil service workers.

The boys of the Forum insist this was "good politics."

At present Prial is facing charges of violating the wages and hours law. William Bieger, old-time political writer, employed for a short time on the Chief, has filed a case before the Federal Wages and Hours Board asserting Prial worked him long hours overtime and failed to pay him in compliance with the law.

## Charge Discrimination Against Hospital Employees

Union Asks Probe of Treatment Accorded Negro Workers in Bellevue Hospital; Charge They Were Barred from Dance

Immediate investigation of anti-Negro discrimination and intimidation of Bellevue Hospital employees was yesterday demanded of the city administration by City Hospitals Local 128 of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, CIO. The discrimination issue rose in connection with a dance sponsored by an organization which the union charges is actually "organized and" guided by the Bellevue Hospital administration.

ASK INVESTIGATION  
The request for an immediate investigation was contained in letters sent the mayor, the president of the city council, the president of the Borough of Manhattan, and the Manhattan members of the city council.

The letter states that: "Negro workers are being barred from participation in the affair through an 'understanding' that these workers are not to be 'invited' while they are nevertheless being approached to contribute towards a journal being issued in connection with the dance. Covert intimidation is being practiced to compel employees to support this affair, by having employees in supervisory positions, or employees who are 'known to be friendly to supervisors, approach workers to buy tickets."

The fines amount to \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 respectively and must be paid by March 12. A. E. O. Munsell, chairman of the Maryland Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights, of Communists, expressed his appreciation of the support the defendants have received so far and said the committee had launched a drive to raise funds immediately for the payment of fines and court costs.

Anna L. Strong To Speak on U.S.-Soviet Relations  
Anna Louise Strong author of "China's Millions" and an authority on the Far East will be one of the principal speakers at a meeting on "American Soviet Relations in the World Crisis" to be held on March 3 at Manhattan Center at 8 P. M. under the auspices of the American Council on Soviet Relations. Admission ranges from 35 cents to \$3 cents.

Theodore Dreiser the noted novelist will also be one of the speakers which will be presided over by Mr. Corliss Lamont.



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## Milwaukee C.P. Candidate Files For School Bd.

Gathers 3,058 Signatures to Qualify to Run for Office

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 24.—Elizabeth Blair, Communist endorsed candidate for the Milwaukee School Board, filed her nomination papers bearing a total of 3,058 signatures, well over the 2,602 that is the legal requirement, at the City Hall today.

On filing the papers which entitle her to run in a field of 48 candidates, 8 of whom are women, for one of the five posts to be filled in the primaries, Mrs. Blair said:

"To these days when the reactionaries all over the country are trying to smash the educational and living standards of the people under the fake slogan of 'national defense,' the people of Milwaukee need somebody on the School Board to fight to protect our children against the 'economy' drives and war hysteria of Milwaukee big business."

### FUNDS FOR HEALTH

"Instead of spending billions to plow under every fourth American boy, let's invest our money in the health and education of our children. Instead of the program of sacrifice and hunger that our 'economy' shysters are planning for them, let's give our school children free dental and medical care, free hot lunches and milk. The money can be raised through taxing some of the fat profits that Milwaukee industrialists are earning through war orders. We've got to keep the war hysteria out of our public school system."

"Milwaukee people remember during the last war, how the teaching of German was cut out of the curriculum. Now we don't want a any elimination of languages or other curricular features, and we should fight to keep our schools free of all the vicious prejudices fomented by the war-mongers. The people of Milwaukee are against this war, and this School Board election can be part of their fight to get out and stay out of it."

Mrs. Blair has been speaking before numerous language organizations and other groups. In the 8th Ward where a large section of the Negro population is concentrated her campaign is being conducted around the demand for the establishment of a Parent-Teachers Association in the 8th Ward schools.

## Ridgeway, Pa., Leather Plant Votes for CIO

Another large leather plant of the U. S. Leather Co. voted for the International Fur and Leather Workers Union in an NLRB election at Ridgeway, Pa., the union announced yesterday. The vote was 111 to 89. The company's Wilson plant already voted for the union.



A recipe out of a book is something if you can follow it properly and use some imagination in putting it together. But a recipe out of a dish is more interesting and lots more fun to try.

Recently some old friends had a get-together dinner in a little waterfront restaurant where the chef imparted the secrets of the meal to us. He is a talented cook, and retains natural flavor in his simply-cooked and delicious foods. Here are the main dishes and how they were prepared:

Veal Scallopini  
Cut veal steaks in pieces, pound thin and dredge with salt, pepper and flour. Fry in vegetable oil—preferably olive oil. Sprinkle over them chopped onion and parsley, and simmer in white cooking wine for five minutes.

Fried Chicken—Italian Style  
Dip chicken in flour and add salt and pepper to taste. Fry in oil till tender, and sprinkle over it a little chopped parsley. Add a little butter over each piece of chicken just before it is done.

Sauce for Spaghetti or Ravioli  
Cook chopped chicken livers, or

chopped veal or pork in olive oil. Our chef does not think that beef makes a good sauce. Chop onion, garlic and parsley, and add. Put in a few grains of rosemary, a small can of tomato paste, and some sliced, fresh mushrooms, or dried ones, soaked. Add broth to this for the required consistency and cook for one hour. If water is used instead of broth, the sauce should be cooked two hours.

Serve this sauce over your Italian "pasta"—be it spaghetti, ravioli, macaroni, or any of the other kinds. Use grated cheese to taste at the table. And by the way, if you buy your cheese ungrated in an Italian grocery or market, and grate it yourself, you'll get several times as much for your money.

Greek Spaghetti Sauce  
We knew another chef once—a Greek chef—who told us how to make a very similar sauce that the Greeks use with spaghetti. The only difference between this sauce and the one described above, if our memory hasn't failed us, was that chopped lean mutton was used instead of chicken livers, veal or pork, and no broth was added. This sauce, too, had to be boiled two hours. It had a very pleasant, distinctive flavor.



# It Is NOT A Foregone Conclusion

AS THE war-powers Bill, HR 1776, is being debated in the Senate, the people of this nation have got to shake off the feeling that the passage of the measure is a "foregone conclusion."

The press and the Administration are seeking to manufacture this fatalistic feeling.

But, the straight fact is that the nation is overwhelmingly opposed to the purpose of this measure. This purpose is WAR.

If the people can see that this Bill is nothing but a fancy disguise for WAR, the people will arouse themselves in a mighty movement and defeat it.

The spokesmen for the Bill

have been playing fast and loose with the American people.

First, their main argument was that this would be the "best way to keep America at peace." This absurdity is being dropped. It is exposed as false. Now, the Administration spokesmen have a new answer to the charge that HR 1776 is a plunge into the war.

They reply "What if it is?"

This must be changed. Labor started the fight against the war-powers Bill. This fight must be resumed with full vigor. Let the Senate hear from America. The people, led by the trade unions, can halt the mad drive toward dictatorship and war.

## Socialism Plans 15 Years in Advance

While the capitalist world is devoting itself to tearing down, the Land of Socialism is putting all its energies into building up.

As human beings are torn to bits and great buildings and granaries are reduced to ruins by this war for colonies and power, the Soviet Union calmly proceeds to launch its 15-year plan. Through that plan it proposes to leave far behind the capitalist countries in production within that decade and a half. During that period, the welfare of the Soviet people will likewise be enormously expanded.

What other nation can look forward in this fashion to 15 years in advance—noting all major contingencies, carefully analyzing remaining weakness and remedying them, and making its economy stronger as it makes its people stronger? The superiority of Socialist economy to the planlessness of capitalism stands out, in the decisions of the 18th Conference of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, for the American workers to observe.

The success of the 15-year plan is guaranteed by the triumph of the plans that have gone before it and by the determination which marked the proceedings of the 18th conference. Under the Third Five-Year Plan the output of the industry of the Soviet Union rose 44 per cent in 1940 over 1939, including the output in the machine-building industry which grew 76 per cent in that time. Such is an astounding achievement.

As to why Socialist economy can record such notable gains and prepare for still further advances in the future is, after all, no secret. Such an economy has rid itself of the curse of profit-making which creates constant chaos in capitalist countries through its game of grab. Such an economy is also based on the rule of the workers, which now can be noted down as the sole vehicle for achieving planning in the national life of peoples.

Amid all the maudlin talk of "democracy," there is here provided a living exhibit of real democracy—that in which the people own and control their own economy and resources and thereby ever expand the good things of life for themselves and their children.

What American worker is there but who will feel a deeper pride in these achievements of his class? They can move him to consider more seriously the winning of Socialism for our own land and our own people.

## Mussolini Is Not The Only One

The hollowness of fascist rule in Italy cannot be hidden by the blustering of Mussolini's latest speech. His threats against "grumblers," his warning that "those who grumble at rations" should not be headed—all these add new indications that the fascist rulers in Italy sit uneasily on the necks of the half-starved Italian masses.

Even the American press notices this. But do the gentlemen of the press believe that imperialist rule sits any more firmly in the other capitals of Europe?

Do they imagine that the Italian soldiers, torn from their homes to murder strangers in far-off lands, have any better reason to fight than, let us say, the British or German boys who are hurled at each other with bayonets in their hands?

If Mussolini's capitalist rule is shaky, who will say that Churchill's or Hitler's or any other capitalist class is much stronger?

The fact is that the rottenness of the Mussolini regime is only a glimpse of the rottenness which pervades, in varying degrees, the entire imperialist system everywhere. The quick collapse of the Polish and French states were examples of this inner capitalist rottenness.

For that reason, the mass unrest in Italy

not only frightens the Italian ruling class; it scares the "anti-fascists" in the ruling circles at London and Washington.

Washington and London watch the failures of Italian fascism with mixed emotions. As rivals of Italian imperialism, they gloat. But as fellow-imperialists of Mussolini, concerned over the possibility of people's revolutions, they are disturbed.

The last thing Mr. Churchill or the White House would like to see is a people's revolution smashing fascist-capitalist rule in Italy or any place else. The U. S. State Department has, in fact, been quietly dickering, according to Mr. Jay Franklin, to buy Mussolini away from Hitler by promises to protect his regime against mass discontent.

In Mussolini's worry, the capitalist class throughout the world sees its own image.

## Clamping Down The Lid

War-time censorship of press and radio is on the way.

Our Washington correspondent reports that George Creel, head of the notorious Creel Committee, chief war propaganda agency during the last war, has been visiting the White House recently and is helping work out plans for a new censorship set-up. Meanwhile, the President himself gave an ominous warning of his plans when he lectured newspaper correspondents the other day on what kind of news should and should not be printed. The occasion of the rebuke was the publication of reports in the press on the testimony of the Army Chief of Staff before the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

The press protested mildly against this sign of impending censorship. But, of course, the President was not really concerned about the publication of military secrets. These are well-guarded and never get into print. What the President really had in mind was the suppression of all anti-war sentiment—a suppression in which the capitalist press has already been giving the White House almost complete cooperation.

Are a minority of war-minded officials and editors to suppress the anti-war sentiments of the majority of the nation? This is the issue today. Never before has the right of freedom of the press assumed such acute and immediate importance for the welfare of the entire nation.

## More Corpses—More Babies

The report comes that the chief of the Nazi Gestapo, Mr. Himmler, is dissatisfied with the birthrate of Germany's mothers. Mr. Himmler demands more babies.

Mr. Himmler displays the same kind of mentality which can be found among his fellow-imperialists in other countries. The German government wants to make sure that the rate of mass murder is accompanied by a similar rate of mass production of babies. "A new baby for every corpse on the battlefield" would be a good slogan. Mr. Churchill in England and Mr. Archibald MacLeish in America can appreciate a clever approach like that.

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**Recent Red Army Maneuvers:** Photo shows People's Commissar of Defense of the Soviet Union, Marshal Semyon Timoshenko (center) at Red Army maneuvers last fall. These maneuvers, in the Kiev Military District, simulated conditions of actual warfare. On Timoshenko's right is General K. Meresikov, on the left is General Zhukov. Red Army yesterday celebrated its 22nd anniversary.

# SPEAK UP, AMERICA!—WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

By I. Amter

"It is easily conceivable that, as the debate continues in Congress and especially in the Senate, some of the voters who now favor the bill (Lend-Lease—L.A.) may swing over to the other side." Gallup Poll, release, Feb. 12, 1941.

Dr. Gallup estimates, according to the most recent poll, that 23,000,000 out of the 50,000,000 voters are today opposed to the Lend-Lease bill and that many more do not fully understand the alleged and significant purpose of the bill. Although it is posed as part—and a very important part—of the so-called "national defense" measures nevertheless many who have been canvassed raise objections and doubts that show clearly that the implications of the measures are not fully realized. Thus Gallup says that:

"The commonest of these modifications are that no American ships or American soldiers should be sent abroad, that some limit shall be placed on the amount of aid given Britain under the bill and that the bill should be in force only for a definite period of time."

In these modifications are expressed the fears of the people and the horrors derived from the experience of the first World War. The people know that in 1917 the United States entered the first war in the determination to help decide the division of the imperialist booty; and, second, to protect the loans, etc., made to the Allies. Today the situation is sharpened. As Wendell Willkie, in his cross-questioning before the Senate Committee declared:

"If America gives effective aid to Britain, America will dominate what happens afterwards."

Again in answer to a question by Senator Connally of Texas, "If we give effective aid to Britain and she prevails, the peace naturally would be under the control of the United States and Great Britain." Willkie replied:

"That is right, with us the dominant person if we want to be."

## WHAT THE PEOPLE FEAR

In a word, Willkie declared, with the agreement of the Senate Committee, that in 1941 the U. S. will repeat the policy of 1917, take our country fully into the war—but this time to establish U. S. world imperialist domination, with Britain as a junior partner, as Virgil Jordan stated a few months ago.

This the people fear. Second, the people know that Roosevelt and his supporters in the House rejected an amendment to the Lend-Lease Bill prohibiting the sending of American soldiers abroad. There was a good reason for this. American soldiers are already on foreign soil: in Newfoundland, Canada, and in Trinidad, West Indies. If the amendment had been passed, the American soldiers would have had to be withdrawn. This would have upset the tying up of American with British imperialism for world domination, but forcing Britain to play second fiddle to the tune that Roosevelt dictates.

Hence, the second fear of the nation is already a fact—American soldiers are already on foreign soil. More will soon go abroad to other naval and air bases both in the Atlantic and Pacific—and the Far East, Singapore, etc.

In the People's Forum of the Air on Sunday, Feb. 10, between Chicago and Pittsburgh military experts, one speaker, placing no hope in a good neighbor policy toward Latin America advocated acquiring a base in British Guiana and equipping it with such tremendous forces as to overcome Central and South America, force those countries into line and keep all imperialist powers out.

The third fear is the unlimited time for which Roosevelt demanded dictatorial power—power that no president of the United States ever held even when the U. S. was at war. The phrase "any other law notwithstanding" is part of the bill as amended and passed by the House. There is no sign that the phrases will be dropped by the Senate. On the contrary, it will remain and give the President power to ignore or change any phase of the Wagner Act, Wage-Hours Law, Walsh-Healey Act or any other law. The President will be in a position to impose any conditions, wages, etc., he desires, to cancel elections, curb and wipe out all constitutional rights—all in a legal manner. "The question of uniform wages for the duration of the war is now being discussed."

## A FORGOTTEN SLOGAN

Hence Roosevelt accepted a time limit of two and one-half years for his dictatorial powers—on the presumption that America will be fully in the war and the powers will be continued in a legal manner—unless the fears of the people take them into concerted action.

Gallup, therefore, is correct when he states that many of the voters who today favor the bill "may swing over to the other side." When one remembers that another recent Gallup poll showed that 90 per cent of the young people are against America's participation in any form in the war—as against an average 86 per cent for the whole people (the percentage goes from 85 to 86 in ONE WEEK'S time)—then one can state categorically that once the American people realize that the Lend-Lease bill is part of the imperialist scheme to take our country fully into the war, the scales will swing sharply.

From national defense to conscription—to aid to Britain "short of war" (a long forgotten slogan)—TO ALL AID TO BRITAIN ("our war front")—to an army of 3,000,000 men now proposed—to lifting the debt limit "temporarily" to 65 billion dollars—to 4,500,000 tons and 1,500,000 caskets—thus we have the Wall Street-Roosevelt imperialist plan, which Willkie heartily endorses—which the people instinctively fear but do not fully understand.

Our job—the job of the progressives, Communists and real peace advocates—not appeasers, isolationists, etc.—is to make the direct connection of the Lend-Lease bill with our full participation in the war, clear to the 86 per cent of the nation opposed to our involvement—make it clear and arouse the masses to united, concerted action NOW. Now—while the Senate is discussing the bill. The bill, if and when passed by the Senate, will then go into consideration by a joint committee of the House and Senate, and then finally be voted on by both houses.

If we do not give "effective aid" to Britain, we will be at war in "thirty or sixty days," said Willkie. If we do give "effective aid," he would not guarantee that we would not get in to the war with both feet. None of the other representatives and "spokesmen" who have appeared before the hearings—from Lindbergh to Thomas—promised more.

## THREAT TO USSR

For very good reasons, Wall Street wants war in order to plant the Stars and Stripes over the biggest empire in the world. Now is the time, it believes. The people are confused, bewildered by the multitude of words, words over the radio and in the press. Now is the time to act, says Wall Street.

This is not the limit of Wall Street's ambitions. Senator Reynolds asked Willkie a series of questions about the "other democracies"

of Europe that look to a British victory to restore them. Willkie replied that:

"If America gives ineffective aid to Britain then probably Finland will remain enslaved, as will Poland, Holland, Denmark and all of the other democracies."

Reynolds asked about: "Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, all enslaved nations whose liberties have been taken away from them by Russia."

Willkie replied: "I believe American sentiment would require that they survive."

Thus Wall Street envisions an attack on the Soviet Union as part of the world conquest it plans, and talks of the "other democracies" for the purpose of posing an "idea" that America will fight for. Roosevelt spoke about a crusade to establish "freedom of speech everywhere," "freedom of assembly everywhere"—a big mouthful. And to be accomplished by force of arms, jointly with Britain as a junior partner, with the Lend-Lease WAR POWERS bill as one of the measures.

This is not something for the distant future, but for immediate application.

If there still is any doubt as to whether we are already in the war, Willkie cleared it up. At the Senate hearing he said:

"You see, we have committed ourselves to aid to Britain already. If aid to Britain is what is going to get us into war, WE ARE ALREADY IN."

## TIMING THE PLOT

Winston Churchill cutely timed his address on Feb. 9 to correspond to the arrival of Willkie in the United States. In his speech—directed to the British empire, to the world and particularly the United States—Churchill declared England needs munitions, bombers and vessels to transport them, but not men in 1941 or even 1942. But a writer in the London Daily Mirror reminded Churchill and especially Roosevelt that these war supplies and vessels would not be forthcoming in sufficient quantities unless something else happened. The Daily Mirror wrote:

"I hold that the maximum support of our cause cannot occur until the United States declares war on the Third Reich. Mr. Willkie, though he would probably deny it, has brought that STEP INFINITELY CLOSER."

That is plain talk—talk that the American people should heed well. Of course, Willkie would deny it. So does Roosevelt. That is the mask with which Wall Street is covering up its schemes for world domination.

Willkie wants unity on the bloody proposals embodied in the Lend-Lease War Powers Bill. He wants a few more, meaningless concessions.

"I urge upon you members of the majority to yield all you can, and be as tolerant as you can. . . . I would like to have it said in Britain and in Germany that . . . the representatives of all the people have declared this policy."

Unity in pressing a war in which we already are participating. Unity in engaging the material and man resources of our nation up to the limit. Unity in a war that the people abhor and want nothing to do with. All sheltered under the innocuous name of a Lend-Lease Bill!

What are we waiting for? Are we waiting till 4,500,000 men have their legs as soldiers and coffins are being sent to the front? Are we waiting for a formal declaration of war, which will not come? Are we waiting till our rights are all taken away and then we will say: "We are just beginning to fight!" We did a good job—all of us, pro-

# Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

## THE DASTARDLY PLOT

[The New Republic in its Feb. 24th issue says that the way alleged "Communists" get alleged "control" of unions is by "coming early to every meeting and staying late." The following is probably what the New Republic would like to see take place in the national or international office of every union.]

THE General Organizer, just back from his field trip, was reporting to the International President. "And now for the most serious part of all," he said as the president looked at him. "There's a dangerous situation brewing in you-know-where. I had heard bad reports so I visited one of their membership meetings. And do you know what I found? Several members had come to the meeting on time!"

The President's face blanched. "And one member, I was informed, had actually arrived fifteen minutes early!"

"The ringleader!" whispered the President. "I kept my eyes glued on them. And they stayed right to the very end of the meeting! They didn't even walk out while I was making my report!"

"Foreign agents!" said the President and he tried to light a cigarette but his hand was shaking too much. "But you haven't heard the half of it," the General Organizer continued, apparently without regard for the anguish he was causing the President. "When committees were being formed, members actually volunteered from the floor!"

"It's sabotaging the defense program!" said the International President with a shudder.

Unmindful of the interruption, the General Organizer went on: "When one member reported on a strike against a wage cut in his shop—" (here he lowered his voice—"almost the entire membership offered to go on picket duty!")

"Enough, enough!" shouted the President, whose face was contorted with pain. "What are we going to do about it?"

"I've thought it over from all angles," replied the Organizer. "And I've come to the conclusion that Sidney Hillman and David Dubinsky have worked out the best method for stamping out this insidious practice of coming to meetings early and staying late. In some places, they just abolish all meetings for as much as two years at a time."

"What would I ever do without you?" said the International President as he heaved a sigh of relief and wrung the Field Organizer's hand.

"And what would I do without the advice of the New Republic?" said the General Organizer as he wiped a tear of gratitude from his eye.

## ON THE SILVER SCREEN

Boss's daughter marries clerk.

His son also goes berserk.

And does right by stenographer Sue—Only in Hollywood this comes true.

Everything British is just divine; Not the Irish—they're out of line; Not the Hindus—they're not clean According to the Silver Screen.

And Hollywood says the Negroes Like to act lackey for Jim Crows. 'War is just too, too thrilling While "national unity" is simply killing!

HARRY NEWMAN.

Speaking for the War-Dictatorship Bill, Senator Tom Connally of Texas shouted: "We must all hang together or we will all hang separately." Did he mean "hang—or 'lynch'?"

## SCIENTIFIC NOTE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Smithsonian Institution today named a recently discovered species of octopus "Octopus Roosevelti."

The octopus was one of several new specimens of sea life found during President Roosevelt's cruise to the Galapagos Islands in 1938.

"Octopus Roosevelti" is a relatively small member of the octopus family, the male growing to a length of only slightly more than two feet.—From a United Press dispatch.

There would be fewer ship sinkings in wartime if it were the tradition for the shipowner or shipyard president to go down with the vessel instead of the captain.

gressives, Communists, militants, peace-advocates—in connection with the conscription bill. But it was not good enough. We have done a good job with respect to the Lend-Lease Bill. But the House passed it nonetheless 285 to 180. They barred nearly all militant, progressive, labor, farm, youth and Negro organizations from presenting their views of the hearings. Hundreds of thousands of postcards, letters and telegrams deluged Washington. Organizations have adopted resolutions. Leaders have made splendid, fighting declarations. But it has not been enough.

## DON'T WAIT!

America must speak. Not Congressmen and Senators, not Roosevelt and Willkie. Not Landon, Kennedy and Thomas. No, the American workers, farmers and middle class who want us to get out and stay out of the war. The American youth and Negroes who want nothing of this war.

Eight million organized workers in this country—CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods. How many of you have spoken? Only a fraction through letters and resolutions. Call special meetings in shops, unions and markets. Special literature—the Daily Worker, trade union and progressive leaflets and pamphlets. Hundreds of thousands of organized farmers. How many of you have spoken? Very few. Women, youth, and Negro organizations. How many of you have spoken? Not enough.

Speak up, America! What are you waiting for? Send letters, postcards, telegrams. Pass resolutions. But we must do more. Labor must show its strength. It must lead the way. It must tell Roosevelt, Congress and Wall Street that the American people are determined to get out and stay out of the war.

Mass meetings—grand trade union meetings—demonstrations—parades! These are needed now if the war machine is to be stopped. Is it war in Europe or the Far East for us? We want neither. We demand peace. Organized labor must dictate that there shall be peace!

Unite your forces, American leaders—8,000,000 trade unionists leading and uniting the other workers, farmers and middle class. Your united strength can accomplish wonders. It can stop the hand of Congress. It can stop Wall Street. Nothing else can.

Eighty-six per cent of the people want peace. Through mighty demonstrations in every town, village and city we can unite the American people and save our country from a new destructive visitation of war. Our tiny meetings and demonstrations. The Gallup Poll shows what is needed. "Wake up America! What are you waiting for?"

GET OUT AND STAY OUT OF THE WAR!



## CHANGE THE WORLD

Capitalism More Menacing  
Than Ice Age Scheduled  
For 15 Billion A. D.

By MIKE GOLD

I HAVE long been a booster for the Hayden Planetarium, which I believe the most fascinating and worthwhile spectacle in New York.

A planetarium, for the benefit of those unacquainted with one, is a sort of theatre where the story of astronomy is acted out. It is a bare auditorium roofed by a large dome representing the sky. By means of a remarkable projection machine all the millions of planets and stars of the universe are shown in their dialectic motion on this man-made sky.

It is no static performance that is given, but genuine melodrama. The directors of the Planetarium present amazing trips to the moon, revolutions in heaven, and tragedies of the firmament. They have developed a rare imaginative skill in vivifying a scientific subject; the planetarium is a model of modern educational technique.

But you will have to see it; I cannot hope to describe it. At the moment, while Broadway theatre-goers shudder at the mysterious murders of a few stage corpses, audiences at the Planetarium are trembling over the death of our planet.

For the current tragedy shows the various ways in which the earth may ultimately perish. Planets are born, they reach maturity, and then die of old age. Our earth is only two or three billion years young. Astronomers have calculated that it still has some fifteen billion years ahead of it. So maybe there is some time left for a little human fun and the working out of our evolution.

But the earth may not live out its natural life-span; there are possible accidents that may cut it off before its time. Destruction by the moon is one of the ways demonstrated at the Planetarium. The moon was once hurled off by the earth, and ultimately, it will retrace its course. It already has a bulge indicating this. When the moon approaches within two-fifths of its present distance, the bulge will be subjected to tremendous pulling strains. Lunar mountains will collapse. On the earth cracks will open in which whole cities will be swallowed. All life will disappear.

Another likelihood is that the sun will cool, its blazing energy finally exhausted. Our life on earth depends on the sun, and long before it turns to a black cinder in the sky, ice hundreds of miles thick will have buried us.

Or the sun may blow up before it cools, becoming a new star, and dragging the whole solar system along in its explosion. Or a comet may strike the earth. Thousands of fiery fragments, huge as mountain chains, will fall on us, the oceans will boil, and all life will be cremated, leaving not even an urn full of memorial ashes.

It is a grandiose but gloomy picture that the Planetarium dramatizes, one that has depressed many a young imaginative intellectual.

Since it seems certain that all life on the earth must eventually perish, what is the use of our little striving? What permanent value is there in any of the familiar human values? Why pursue truth, when this final truth will make all other truths so futile?

Only recently I had an interesting conversation with a high school boy who had reached this awful dead-end in his precocious mental development.

Here is the same Apocalypse that haunted the early Christians, and made them cast off worldly vanities. Science has only deepened the old superstitious fear, and given it an intensified sharpness and reality.

Hence, there is an Ice Age school of pessimism among modern intellectuals, of whom H. L. Mencken, Bertrand Russell and Robinson Jeffers might be named as examples. These Ice Ages are always reactionary in politics. One who fears and doubts the universe must inevitably distrust human nature and its goals. Or vice versa: the reactionary employs the Ice Age merely as another high-toned, superstitious argument in his battle against human progress. Joseph Wood Krutch once argued, for example, that Communism could never succeed, because it would educate everyone in science. They would learn about the Ice Age, and be more miserable than under capitalism.

Ignorance is bliss, said Mr. Krutch. Well, I never heard of one of these bourgeois pessimists giving up a dinner or a good cigar because of the Ice Age. The human race will not give up its greater goods, like Communism, because of a fabulous future death. Each one of us, as an individual, faces personal death. But men go on striving as though they were immortal. This is the wisdom of life itself. It will go on. Communists trust the natural laws, and have no fear of the Ice Age. Nor does the size of the planets awe them too much. Quantity is not the final word. Quality is a higher phase of quantity. Man gives the world its quality, and Communism brings quality and dignity to man.

No, I am not worried this morning about the Ice Age that may end humanity 15 billion years from now. Capitalism seems more of a menace, because it may, with its wars and famine, bring the end tomorrow.

## Paintings That Grapple With Social Realities

By Ray King

Something new in Surrealism is on view at the New School for Social Research, 66 West 12th Street, in an exhibition of drawings, lithographs and gouaches by Joseph Vogel. Vogel has been intelligent enough to eliminate the willful perversities, sensationalisms and neurotic gropings that mar the general run of Surrealism.

Quintanilla, who lacks the sense of form and structure that Vogel possesses. This series, called "A People in Struggle," should be seen by those who want the best graphic record of the civil war that has yet been presented.

The New School is open daily including evenings, and the exhibition will be on the walls until March 3rd.

## Mural Workshop Plans Lecture Series On Media and Technique

In connection with the Mural Workshop under the direction of Anton Refregier, for the second term beginning Monday, February 24, 1941, a series of bimonthly talks on media and techniques will be given by Mr. B. Lewensohn. The lectures will take place at 5:00 P.M. on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Mr. Lewensohn is an expert on easel and tempera and his talks will deal with the technical problems facing the artist in his mural and easel work. While these are given primarily for the workshop students, a limited number of artists and advanced students will be admitted free of charge upon written request for admission. The Mural Workshop is at 46 West 22nd St.

The high point of the exhibition, to my mind, is the series of gouache paintings dealing with the general material of social and individual frustration. Vogel creates powerful emotional documents, always rich in color and imaginative fabric. Particularly interesting are "Invocation," "Creatures in Pursuit of the Intangible," and a simple but moving paper called "Wounded."

The series of lithographs, although reasonably handled in black and white and charged with social understanding, are not as original as the gouaches. Fine things here number, among others, "Past Forty," "The Innocents" and "Tea-Leaf Reading."

Rounding out the show are a series of drawings made in Spain during the civil war. A veteran of the struggle, Vogel has infused these simple drawings with deep feeling and stark drama. I like these drawings better than those of

## 'Meet the People', Musical Hit, Celebrates 500th Performance

More Than Half  
A Million People  
Have Seen Show

By Sylvia Taylor

"Meet the People," Broadway's musical revue hit at the Mansfield Theatre which has been running over a year, celebrates its five hundredth performance this week.

Within the confines of a single family plenty of things happen during a year. There are fourteen boys and fourteen girls in "Meet the People"—that's a large family in any man's reckoning—twenty-eight vital young people thrown together eight performances a week for more than seventy weeks... things were bound to happen—things did!

The show opened on Christmas night, 1938, in Hollywood. It has since toured over 3,000 miles cross-country. During this time two in the cast got married—two babies were born and now there is another in the offing.

Fifteen of the youngsters in the show saw San Francisco for the first time; twenty-one saw Denver for the first time; ten saw Chicago for the first time and sixteen are seeing New York for the first time. Four of the kids saw their first stage play during the year; and every girl in the show has received more than twenty-five proposals of marriage... most of them coming during the opening number of "Meet" when the entire company comes down into the audience just to say hello.

## Salesman Into Actor

There are seven mothers and two fathers travelling with the show, and five of the youngsters are going to school by mail. The head carpenter of the show got married and spent his honeymoon hanging the show in Chicago.

"Meet the People" made an actor out of an advertising salesman—Angus Hopkins—who came around to the Alliance office in Hollywood soliciting for an ad. He ended up by joining the show.

Among the most gratifying results of the production was the reception of the film scouts. After no more than a few weeks every girl in the cast was screen-tested, and many were offered term contracts. In some cases the Hollywood Theatre Alliance managed to make deals with the studios, giving them prior claim to the actors' time. Marion Colby, for instance, made

## News from the Book World

Ray Hudson has written a new pamphlet based on his article in "The Communist," which is tentatively entitled, "The Growth of the Trade Unions in the U.S.A." In this pamphlet, Hudson gives the underlying reasons for the progress made in recent years by the trade union movement, comparing the programs and activities of the A. F. of L. and the C.I.O., and analyzing the forces which are hampering the further development of trade unionism and organization of the unorganized. Of special interest is his analysis of labor's tasks in relation to the war plans of Wall Street and the Roosevelt Administration.

A new pamphlet by Paslonaria is titled "The Women Want a People's Peace." In it, Paslonaria discusses women's role in the present world struggle, the suffering she is compelled to endure as wife, mother, sister and daughter, and describes the struggles in which women have played and are playing an important part in Spain, China, Germany, Britain, France, Cuba, U.S.A., and other countries, for the support of wars of liberation and for bringing an end to the second imperialist war.

The Mural Workshop is open daily including evenings, and the exhibition will be on the walls until March 3rd.

## Soviet Infantrymen Attack



Soviet infantrymen lying on an armored sled which is being drawn by a tank during an attack. The scene is from the documentary film "Mannerheim Line," now playing through Friday at the Irving Place Theatre.



Virginia Bryan, in cast of "Meet the People."

two pictures for Universal while still managing to play her performance in the evening at "Meet." The Jitterbugs—Ted Arkin and Dorothy Roberts met each other in the show—and are now keeping company. When sixteen-year-old

## Earl Robinson Interviewed Over WQXR at 9 P. M.

Beethoven's Second Symphony heard over WQXR at 9 P. M. ... Philip Stahl interviews Earl Robinson on the "I Know What I Like" program over WQXR at 9 P. M. ... Excerpt from "Garden" heard over WNYC at 3 ... Bob Hope Variety Show over WABC at 10 P. M.

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# Players Tell 'Daily's' Coast Scribe They Must Cash in This Year With Draft, War Threatening to Cut Careers Short

By Dave Farrell

LOS ANGELES.—In that remarkable realm where baseball is not a sport but a livelihood, there are only two topics discussed, the recent Landis-ruling on the non-optioning of rookies, and the seemingly concerted siege of hold-outs. Of the two, the writer proposes to deal with the second in this instalment. Having talked to a dozen of the so-called hold-outs in the past three weeks, I am firmly convinced that they are not acting in unison, for the simple reason that they have no central or co-ordinating body functioning for them. There is, however, a good deal of reason for holding to the notion that team-mates have written and suggested their stories. And probably are advising each other of the next step.

It is quite possible that this reporter may not be given their complete confidence. However, the writer feels that ball players are not quite as worldly as they are wont to assume and that there were concerted action he would have divined it before he was through.

However, this much is certain. In no previous season has there been anything resembling the mass holdouts that are facing the magnates this year. And

in no previous season are the players determined to get what is coming to them. Harry Danning, for example, has stated that he is going to get his price of \$18,500 or stay out. Stanley Hack has let Jim Gallagher of the Cubs know that he won't be bluff. DiMaggio, at the risk of castigation by sportswriter, is going to hold out until he gets what he thinks he should have for continuing leading the American League in hitting. Even such rookies as Novikoff are hanging tough.

What's back of it? It is merely the positive conviction that a minimum of 10 per cent of their life expectancy in baseball is being cut by contemporary history. The boys know that they'll all have to do a hitch in the army of at least a year—and possibly more if we go to war. Or maybe it should be WHEN we get in. They know something's coming. They're naive as a newborn kitten about what the news really means. But they see themselves hooked, at least for a year in khaki. And they figure that they've got to make up for that year, in what is left of their major league careers.

One player (who begged to remain nameless) told the writer, "I got to get mine now, this year. I don't

know if I'll be around next year. I may be playing for Fort McArthur next season for \$21 a month. And I've got a right to a living for my wife and kids. Besides, I never cost my club any money. They picked me up when I was a punk, gave me \$250 for signing and had me come up through the farms. I'm no investment to them. Because every place I've played, I more than cut the mustard. So when I have a good year like I did last, they've got to pay me now."

All the players are not as articulate as this lad. But all of them were fumbling to tell me the same story. I brought up the idea of a players' union, the notion advanced by Bro. McCarthy of the "Chicago Times." They looked blank, puzzled and a little bit hopeful. Nobody that I talked to seemed to know anything about it, but none was terrified at the thought. One said, "The minute two other fellows sign up, I'd go. My brother is a union man and so is my wife's old man. They're doing pretty good at their trades. And if there's ever a union for ball players, they can count on me."

To most ball players, sportswriters are "a bunch of jerks," to use the expression I heard uniformly. They don't like them but are afraid of them because they know that the writers can give it to them in print daily

with no means of retaliation. The players were sore at the writers for calling the Cleveland Indians "cry-babies and sullen sovietiks" for their reporting of last season's "affaire Vitt."

They all expressed the feeling that they knew that they were going to feel the blade of the dirk when their hold-out periods did not come to an abrupt ending. "Those guys always play ball with money," was the almost unanimous expression. "They know we don't kick in with anything and that the owners give those guys the key to the liquor closet or better. While we're holding out, they'll have plenty of stories to write, and all of them will stink."

But by and large the players are determined to hold out. They are convinced that they haven't very many years left to make the careers, to which they have devoted themselves since childhood, pay. If they don't get it this season there may be no others for them to collect in. One went so far as to point to the abbreviated season of 1918, and that had the war gone on there would have been no season of 1919. It could be again. Maybe no season in 1942. So this HAS to be the season for the journeymen migratory workers of baseball.

## On The Score Board

Past Records Chalked Up in A.L.

By Lester Rodney

Attention hunters of fifth columnists: According to the National League Green Book, the following players are of German and Italian ancestry: German—Berres, Miller, Posedel, Herman, Lieber, Myers, Rattenberger, Stringer, Frey, Pressnell, Walters, Young, Bowman, Jurges, Lohman, Schumacher, Wittig, Beck, Klein, Muller, Schott, Brubaker, Heintzelman, Klinger, Mueller, Krist, Mize, Wernke. ITALIAN: Salvo, Sisti, Camilli, Lavagetto, Franks, Bonura, Chaveretta, Lombardi, Orango, Chiozza, Rizzo, DiMaggio, Greggi, Mancuso. Which goes to show how close we are to invasion, when the Axis has had the foresight and taken the pains to ship so many agents into the National League disguised as ball players.

The American League "Red Book" has just arrived with lists of interesting data. Here are some A. L. records we wouldn't have known offhand:

The highest batting percentage for 300 games was turned in by Ty Cobb in 1911 and George Sisler in 1922 (the only year the Browns ever came close). The mark is .420.

Most hits for one season—Sisler, 257.

Most hits ever made by an A. L. player—Cobb, 4191.

Doc Cramer, now of the Senators, is the only A. L. player to ever go 6 for 6 twice. Pinky Higgins got the most consecutive hits, 12, in 1938. Most home runs in one game—Lou Gehrig for at Philly in 1932. (Missed a fifth the last time I'll remember rightly, booming a long triple off the tip of the center field wall.)

The most home runs ever hit in one month were NOT by Babe Ruth, as you might expect, but by another current ball player, Statie York, who clouted 18 one month in 1937. And the most home runs in four consecutive games were by Tony Lazzeri, who whacked out 7th, 1936 at the tail end of his career. Three A. L. players have hit two homers in one inning. Bill Regan of the Red Sox in '28, Doc DiMaggio in '36 and Ken Williams of the Browns in '22.

Three players hit four homers in a double-header. They're all moderns, of course—Averill, Fox and Tabor.

Again Lou Gehrig—only player to score five runs in one game TWICE. Tony Lazzeri again—most runs batted in per game—that was eleven during that 1936 home run rampage. Bob Johnson of the Phils holds the mark for batting in runs in one inning with six.

In A. L. team performances, the recent wonder Yankees team did their mark. They hold the record for the most home runs in one game—eight in 1939... home runs per season with 182 in 1936. The '39 team also broke the record for total bases in one game with 344 total bases in a doubleheader with 87. Those were the days, alright.

When Jimmy Foss made 36 home runs last season he just reached the 500 mark in four sackers, six more than were to the credit of Lou Gehrig but more than 200 short of Babe Ruth's mark. Hank Greenberg moved into third place behind Al Simmons. Hank's 247 were made over eight years however, while Simmons' 290 cover a span of 18 years.

Four players last year who went over the lifetime 1000 hit mark were Harold Giff, Wally Moses, Ray Redfield and Cecil Travis. Among the active players, Al Simmons and Charlie Gehringer are way out in front with 2798 and 2730.

In lifetime batting averages of current players, covering more than four years, Joe DiMaggio leads with .343 for a five-year average. Simmons, Foss, Greenberg and Gehringer follow. In runs batted in, Foss is just 25 behind Simmons and should take first place this year. Gehringer, Cronin, Averill and Dickey follow.

Stolen bases is one department where modern ball players take as back seat to the heroes of the past, which, of course, is due to the change in the game wrought by the big bat of Babe Ruth and the living of the ball. Ty Cobb, as you might have expected, leads in lifetime stolen bases with 892 and his high water mark for a season was 96. The most sacks pedaled in one game, however, were six by Eddie Collins in 1912.

Strike outs? Walter Johnson with 3497 for lifetime mark; Rube Waddell for one season, 343 in 1904 (remember?) and for one game Master Robert Feller, 18 in 1938.

You don't know where to stop with this stuff. The Red and Green Books are full of it. But that's not really writing on a blank page. We'll be dishing out some of the interesting data in a column.

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### CCNY, B'KLYN PLAYERS ASK FANS' SUPPORT AGAINST BUDGET CUTS

Leaflets Given Out at Garden Before Big Game Attack 'Foul Tactics' of Rapp-Coudert Team

The crowds going in to Madison Square Garden last night for the Brooklyn-College-CCNY game, feature of the basketball doubleheader, were given leaflets signed by most of the members of each team asking support in the fight to halt the Rapp-Coudert Committee's budget slashing tactics.

The leaflet, issued by the Committee for Defense of Student Rights, dwelt on the fact that the fans were going in to see a game between two great teams of athletes, none of whom received athletic

ing lights of their team are Rapp and Coudert who run interference with every foul tactic in the book—witness the third degree one-man hearings. The New York State Economic Council and the Taxpayers' Association are in there "hacking" and "pushing" waiting to get through their goal of cutting the educational budget.

"They have a powerful team. It has the big money behind it. But our team is plenty big. It is made up of all you people who are sitting in the stands tonight—and our parents, brothers, sisters and aunts outside.

"We'll be digging in and we know that if you dig in and fight the defense of our schools is insured."

BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
HENRY MARIASCHIN, Capt.  
JOSEPH HERSCHKOWITZ  
LOU LUBIN  
HARRY LANDSMAN  
MEL HIRSCH  
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MARTIN SCHEINKMAN  
ALFRED WNOGRAD  
SIDNEY HERTZBERG  
VINCENT CAPRARO  
EDWARD EDWIN  
AARON MILLER  
HAROLD JUDENFRIED  
HARVEY LOZMAN  
SIDNEY PECK

This edition goes to bed too early for results of the Brooklyn-College-CCNY and LIU-Chambers games that were played last night at the Garden. Don't miss tomorrow's Daily Worker for Lester Rodney's usual thorough and expert story and angles.

scholarships, and that in the spirit of fair play with which they played the game they were appealing for the defense of democratic education.

The statement of the CCNY and Brooklyn players:

"We are going in to fight for the 'sane' basketball championship tonight. Though there's no individual in this game, we'll fight in all the tradition of fair play.

"People who've had their eyes opened need another traditional game going on in recent weeks. The opposition is composed of cut budget cutthroats. The two shin-

Record Intra-Mural Program at CCNY Under Student Direction

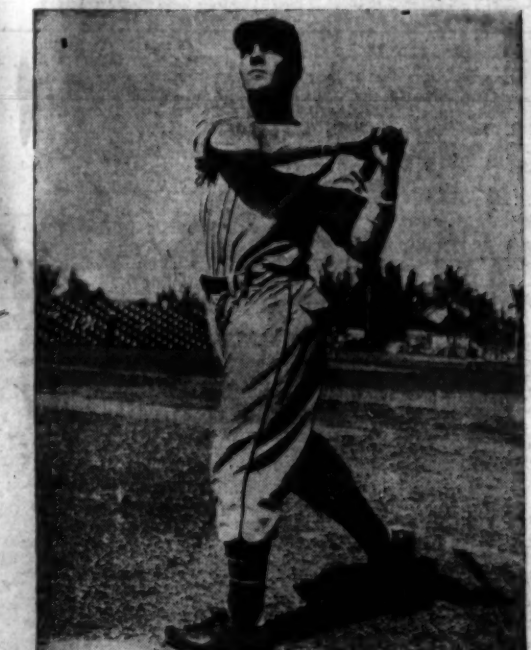
Howard Moshensky, '41, and Jerome Unterberger, '41, were appointed student directors of the City College intramural sports program for the spring semester. It was announced by Mr. James S. Peace of CCNY's Intramural Athletic Division.

The spring intramural sports program is already under way with record enrollment in the basketball, boxing, wrestling, handball, and table tennis tournaments.

Dellicurti vs. Abrams Tonite

Vic Dellicurti, Harlem Italian who has beaten George Abrams and Cal Cagni, clashes with Lou Schwartz of Brownsville for eight rounds in the featured welterweight scrap at the Broadway Arena tonight.

Schwartz seeks to add to his six unbeaten Arena starts, including a knockout of Frankie Castiglia and a decision over Jerry Fiorello. Schwartz, a product of an orphanage where the sports curriculum included lessons in boxing, punches like a light-heavy.



BOB FOSS, former All-American halfback at the University of Tennessee, is getting a baseball tryout from the Glanias. They say he has the look of a youngster just a year away from being a hard hitting outfielder. But they say those things easy in the spring. Anyhow, he was a great halfback.

### Off the Backboard

NYU's Last Chance to Stay in Running Tomorrow

NYU's erratic outfit must beat St. Johns tomorrow night or give up any idea of getting into the March National Tourney along with LIU. The game will be the feature of a Garden twin bill that also pits CCNY against last-improving Manhattan in another game with tourney significance, as the Beavers have their eye on that second local spot too.

St. Johns has been in and out all season itself, but at its best the Brooklyn Redmen have fallen short of the standard set by the Violet veterans when they really drove and went to town. The NYU defeat at Syracuse Saturday night was typical, with the Violet coming on from way behind to outscore

the winners 16 points to 2 in the last ten minutes, and look unstoppable doing it. Correct—where was that drive the other thirty minutes?

St. Johns looked pretty good against St. Joe's of Philly last week, but has been disappointing over the season. You can expect a top-notch effort from Garbinkle, White and company against NYU however. And CCNY may regret having shifted that Brooklyn game from Saturday to Monday night when they tackle the Jaspers with one day's rest. For Neil Cochran usually has a good ball club working with the development of sophomores Murphy, Hassett and Courtney.

Clipper in Brazil

BELEM, Brazil, Feb. 24 (UP).—Pan-American Airways' Yankee Clipper, returning from Europe by the new southern route, landed safely here today after developing motor trouble.

## Ambers to Quit if He Doesn't Beat Jenkins Friday

Ex Champ Makes Promise—Claims Making Weight Hurt Him Last Time—Has Slowed Down to Walk at 27

By Bill Newton

If he doesn't defeat Lew Jenkins when they clash Friday, Lou Ambers, ex-lightweight titleholder, promises that he'll retire.

That's what Ambers, who is training at Summit, N. J., tells his friends. He doesn't expect to lose, he said yesterday, but should he fail, the Herkimer Hurricane admits that all his plans to continue his ring campaigning will be shattered.

The last time Ambers went up against Jenkins, the Sweetwater (Tex.) slugger took Lou's crown and incidentally subjected him to a terrible beating. Observers felt then that Ambers should have retired. He seemed burned out, and was an easy kayo victim for the hard-hitting Jenkins. But Ambers, urged on by Manager Al Weill, professes to believe that his task of making 135 pounds for Jenkins may have sapped his strength and energy.

This time he'll enter the ring at 140—the contracts for the fight were signed at those figures—and at that weight Ambers figures to be in the best condition he can reach. If Jenkins kayoes him again, Lou, backed by Weill, insists that he will recognize the handwriting on the wall, and bid good-bye to the boxing "game."

Although Ambers has often come back before, against such stalwarts as Tony Canzoneri, Pedro Montanes and Henry Armstrong, his confident talk that he'll beat his 23-year-old foe and go on to defeat Welterweight King Fritzie Zivic seems far-fetched to this observer.

The once fast-stepping hurricane has slowed down. When he was in his prime, his speed was his main stock in trade. Never a hard hitter, Lou doesn't figure to bother Jenkins with his punches, although

it's possible he's throwing them a bit more solidly than of yore. Slower, not much of a hitter, Ambers seems a set-up for Jenkins' murderous blows.

Ambers, of course, may turn the not unprecedented trick of ignoring "expert" opinions to go on to win. But it's not likely. Lou professes a liking for the fight business, and says he doesn't need the money. Ambers is an honest, sincere fighter—but you can take that statement with several bushels of salt. Only 27, Lou's been fighting a long time. In all probability, he has no more business in the same ring with Jenkins than Armstrong had with Fritzie Zivic. But egged on by his manager and friends, with his eye on future security, Ambers is making one more fling. The results probably won't be pretty to watch.

Rams Aim at 2nd Place in IC4A Meet Saturday

Two years ago when Bob Giegenack began his labors as Fordham track coach, the Ram runners scored 15 points and placed third in the Intercollegiate A.A.A.A. indoor championships. That was the greatest score and the highest standing the Ram ever achieved in the big varsity meet.

Now with the 20th annual IC4A championships coming up at Madison Square Garden next Saturday, Fordham and Giegenack are shifting their sights again. Their aim is 20 points or more.

## WHAT'S ON

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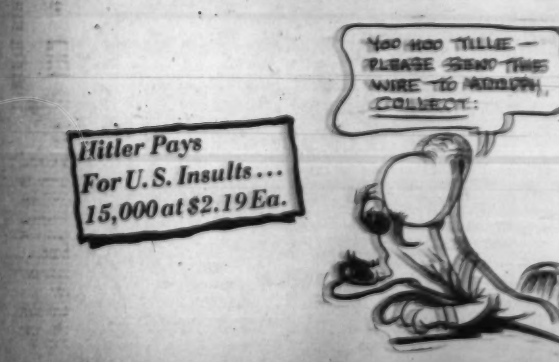
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